

Standards Based Assessments and High School Graduation Qualifying Exams

Alaska Standards Based Assessments and the Alaska High School Graduation Qualifying Examination are state mandated assessments consisting of three tests: reading, writing, and mathematics. Students take the Standards Based Assessments in grades 3 through 10. Students have multiple opportunities to take the High School Graduation Qualifying Examination beginning in grade 10.

The Standards Based Assessments and the High School Graduation Qualifying Examination are a type of criterion-referenced test. The questions on each test are based on the Alaska Student Performance Standards in reading, writing, and mathematics. There are three types of questions in each of the three tests: multiple-choice, short constructed response, and extended constructed response.

Science Standards Based Assessment is also a criterion-referenced test for grades 4, 8 and 10. The questions on each test are based on the Alaska Student Performance Standards/Grade Level Expectations in Science. The Science SBA contains multiple-choice, short constructed response and extended constructed response questions.