

Alabama High School Graduation Exam  
(AHSGE)

**Primary Purposes**

- To assess students' mastery of content defined as "fundamental," a requirement for receipt of an Alabama high school diploma
- To report the percent of students in the school passing each subject-area test for grades 10, 11, and 12
- To report relative strengths and weaknesses of individuals and groups

**Content**

- Academic content standards in reading, mathematics, language, science, and social studies found in the Alabama courses of study

**Additional Information**

- The first administration of the AHSGE occurs in the spring of the student's 10<sup>th</sup> grade year. This is a checkpoint. If a student passes any of the subject-area tests, he or she is given credit for that subject-area test.
- The second administration of the AHSGE occurs in the spring of the student's 11<sup>th</sup> grade year. After this administration, any subject-area that is not passed by a student may be taken again during subsequent administrations of the assessment. These administrations take place in July following the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, September of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, December of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and March of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- The student receives information regarding mastery/non-mastery for each objective.
- Performance is reported as "pass" (mastery) or "fail" (non-mastery).
- This is not a timed assessment.

**Important Information**

- This assessment is handled through the Alabama State Department of Education now. The contact person is Ms. Natasha Fields in the Office of Student Assessment (334-242-8038 or [nfields@alsde.edu](mailto:nfields@alsde.edu)).