

CAPT

MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **What is CAPT?**

CAPT stands for Connecticut Academic Performance Test. It is Connecticut's standardized summative assessment for 10th grade students, testing students on their achievement in mathematics, science, reading across the disciplines, and writing across the disciplines.

2. **Who has to take CAPT?**

All 10th grade students in Connecticut take the same tests during the first two weeks of March.

3. **What happens if I do not pass the test?**

Passing all sections of the CAPT is required by the Waterbury Board of Education in order to graduate.

4. **How do I know if I passed the test?**

The State Department of Education will send the results of your tests to your guidance counselor, who will let you know your scores. You will also receive a print-out of your scores in early fall.

5. **How long will it take to receive my scores?**

You will receive your scores next fall. Remember: all students in the state take the test at the same time, so it takes time to have all the tests corrected.

6. **What happens if I miss a test?**

Attendance is required. If you must be absent due to illness, court, or family emergency, please call the school at 203-574-8100. School personnel will be calling each student that is not present for the test.

***** The homeroom with the highest attendance will receive a prize!!! Try your best not to let your friends down!!!**

7. **What happens if I come late?**

The testing doesn't usually begin until after 10:30, so you must get to school before this time.

CAPT STRATEGIES FOR ALL STUDENTS – How to Get Ready!

- Take the tests seriously.
- Know that testing sessions are important, but also are only a “snapshot” of your overall ability as a student in the spring of 10th grade.
- Get to bed early each night of the testing.
- Eat a light, healthy breakfast each day of the testing.
- Take deep breaths to remain relaxed during the testing.
- Pace yourself with each of the tests; do not rush, yet remain aware of the testing time windows.
- Pay attention to all testing directions. If you are unclear about something, ask the test administrator.
- Study the review materials you are given by your teachers.
- Use the skills your teachers taught you over the years.
- DO YOUR BEST! Your administrators and teachers have confidence in you – you should too!

THE CAPT TESTS

CAPT is broken down into four sections:

- Reading Across the Disciplines
- Writing Across the Disciplines
- Mathematics
- Science

Each section has a number of different assessments. They are as follows:

Reading Across the Disciplines		
Reading for Information	You will read 3 non-fiction articles and respond to 12 multiple choice questions (4 for each article) and 6 open-ended questions (2 for each article).	Total Time: 45 minutes
Response to Literature	You will read 1 authentic short story and respond to four open-ended questions, 4 essay questions.	Total Time: 75 minutes

Writing Across the Disciplines		
Interdisciplinary Writing 1 and 2	You will read two non-fiction articles (i.e., newspaper or magazine article) on a contemporary issue and write a 5 paragraph persuasive essay. Keep in mind you will have to do 2 of these types of tests.	Total Time: 65 minutes for each test
Editing and Revising	You will read four passages and answer 24 multiple choice questions (6 for each passage)	Total Time: 25 minutes

Mathematics

Mathematics 1 and 2	<p>You will answer 8 open-ended questions and 24 grid-in items. You will be tested on the following content areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Algebraic Reasoning• Numerical and Proportion• Reasoning• Geometry and Measurement• Probability and Statistics <p>Keep in mind you will have 2 math tests.</p>	<p>Total Time: 75 minutes for each test</p>
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Science

Science 1 and 2	<p>You will respond to 60 multiple choice and 5 open-ended questions. You will be tested on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy Transformations• Chemical Structures & Properties• Global Interdependence• Cell Chemistry & Biotechnology• Genetics, Evolution & Biodiversity <p>You will have 2 science tests.</p>	<p>Total Time: 50 minutes for each test</p>
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