



# Washoe County School District

## 2025-2026 State & Local Testing Windows

### 6-8 Assessments Schedule

The **2025-2026 State & Local Testing Windows document** includes assessments required by the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) and Washoe County School District (WCSD)-sponsored assessments.

For more information, visit the WCSD website or contact WCSD Assessment Support by phone: 775.348.0248 or email: [AssessmentSupport@WashoeSchools.net](mailto:AssessmentSupport@WashoeSchools.net)

\*School Year Calendars > <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/5436>

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Test dates, windows and events subject to change.

Testing Date/s	TEST/EVENT	GRADE LEVEL
August-September	<b>24-25 Semester Finals;</b> S2/spring 2025 make-up --District Finals: Biology (HS&MS-GT), CTE <i>Complete administration and grading within 3 weeks of starting subsequent semester</i>	HS, MS-GT
Screening for English Learner (EL) <b>20-Day Screening Window</b> --Aug 11-Sep 8 (gr1-12) --Aug 18-Sep 15 (K) <b>10-Day Screening Window</b> --begin Sep 9 (gr 1-12) --begin Sep 16 (K)	<b>Screening for English Learner (EL) Services</b> <i>During first month of school, new-to-district students screened within 20-days of enrollment, then transition to 10-day compliance window for screening new-to-district students remainder of school year</i>	K-12
Aug 11-Oct 15	<b>Prepare:</b> Determine <b>alternate assessment</b> eligibility and participation; update IEP, verify in Infinite Campus >> <a href="#">Alternate Assessment: Student Participation Guidance</a>	K-12 (IEP Committee)
Aug 13-Sep 5 (gr1-8) Sep 8-26 (Kindergarten) <i>--All students completing first Diagnostic(s) by September 26 will be included in BOY reporting window</i>	<b>i-Ready Diagnostic</b> --BOY/Beginning of Year; Mathematics and Reading* <i>*i-Ready Diagnostic for Reading used toward fulfillment of Nevada requirement for initial screening of indicators for dyslexia (<a href="#">NRS 388.439</a>)</i>	1-8 K
Dec 1-19	<b>i-Ready Diagnostic</b> --MOY/Middle of Year; Mathematics and Reading	K-8
Dec 16-19 (Balanced, TMCC) Jan 21-24 (Incline) >>No early administration	<b>Cumulative Semester Final Assessments</b> -- fall, S1 <i>Make-up Finals: Complete within 3 weeks of starting subsequent semester</i> <a href="#">Reference:</a> Administrative Procedure 6405	HS, mandatory MS, recommended
Jan 6-Feb 27 (Kindergarten) Jan 12-Feb 27 (gr1-12)	<b>ELPA/English Language Proficiency Assessment</b> <b>WIDA ACCESS or Alternate ACCESS</b> , gr K <b>WIDA ACCESS or Alternate ACCESS</b> , gr1-12 --October: determine Alternate ACCESS participation	K; EL (English Learner) 1-12; EL (English Learner)

Testing Date/s	TEST/EVENT	GRADE LEVEL
<b>Tentative start date...</b> <b>Mar 10</b> -May 1 (school days only)	<b>Nevada CRT</b> ELA and Mathematics (Smarter Balanced Summative)	3-8
<b>Tentative start date...</b> <b>Mar 10</b> -May 1 (school days only)	<b>Nevada CRT</b> Science	5, 8, HS (gr 9 or 10)
Mar 10-May 1* (school days only)  *extension by request to May 8, 2026 (administration and submit responses)	<b>NAA</b> ELA and Mathematics (Nevada Alternate) <b>NAA</b> Science (Nevada Alternate) --before OCT 15: determine alternate assessment eligibility and update IEP >> <a href="#">Alternate Assessment: Student Participation Guidance</a>	3-8, 11 5, 8, 11 --grade 11 NAA participation required for <a href="#">alternative diploma</a>
Mar 2-20	<b>GATE Spring Referral</b> Testing (CogAT)	
May 4-8, 11-15 *each exam is scheduled for a specified date and time (AM or PM)	<b>AP Exams</b> --date-specific, HS select courses --format varies by test, paper or digital (online) >> <a href="#">AP Exam Dates</a> (detailed) >> <a href="#">College Board AP Central</a>	HS; students enrolled in aligned courses
May 11-29	<b>i-Ready Diagnostic</b> --EOY/End of Year; Mathematics and Reading	K-8
<b>May TBD (TMCC)</b> <b>June TBD (Balanced, Incline)</b> --window opens four days back from end of semester; determined by contingency days used >>No early administration	<b>Cumulative Semester Final Assessments</b> --spring, S2 Make-up Finals: Complete within 3 weeks of starting subsequent semester <a href="#">Reference</a> : Administrative Procedure 6405	HS, mandatory MS, recommended
TBD: NAEP Winter 2026 (Jan 26-Mar 20) >> Information: <a href="https://naep.gov">naep.gov</a>	<b>NAEP</b> (National Assessment of Educational Progress) <a href="#">NAEP Assessment Calendar</a> Grades 4, 8, and 12 Mathematics and Reading Grade 8 Civics and U.S. History	Sampling of students from tested grade levels (grades 4, 8, and 12) Schools selected by National Center for Edu. Stats. (NCES)

**MIDDLE GRADES 6-8 Abbreviations and references**

(O)= online test delivery; digital administration

(P)= paper test delivery; paper/pencil administration

AP = Advanced Placement (O/P; varies by course exam)

CRT = Criterion-Referenced Test (O)

CTE = Career and Technical Education (O)

ELPA = English Language Proficiency Assessment (O/P)

GATE = Gifted and Talented Education

NAA = Nevada Alternate Assessment (P)

NAEP = National Assessment of Educational Progress (O)