



Washoe County School District

2025-2026 State & Local Testing Windows

K-5 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

*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
Screening Week for Kindergarten Aug 11-15 (Balanced) Aug 5-7 (Gerlach) Aug 18-22 (Incline)	Kindergarten Entry Assessment (Screening) -- Teaching Strategies GOLD (TSG) Screening Week, Obj*: 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, 20 Weeks 2-4, Obj*: 1, 2, 3 <i>*Continue to administer all TSG objectives to new kindergarten students enrolling during the first term</i>	Kindergarten (K)
Screening for English Learner (EL) 20-Day Screening Window --Aug 11-Sep 8 (gr1-12) --Aug 18-Sep 15 (K) 10-Day Screening Window --begin Sep 9 (gr 1-12) --begin Sep 16 (K)	Screening for English Learner (EL) Services <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	Prepare: Determine alternate assessment eligibility and participation; update IEP, verify in Infinite Campus >> Alternate Assessment: Student Participation Guidance	K-12 (IEP Committee)
Aug 11-Sep 7	Prepare: Kindergarten Start to i-Ready My Path (before BOY Diagnostic assessments) <i>Kindergarten students will be served up Kinder-appropriate lessons in i-Ready to support digital readiness before taking their first i-Ready Diagnostic assessments for Mathematics and Reading</i>	K
Aug 13-Sep 5 (gr1-8) Sep 8-26 (Kindergarten) --All students completing first Diagnostic(s) by September 26 will be included in BOY reporting window	i-Ready Diagnostic --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 (NRS 388.439)</i>	1-8 K
District window, Aug 18-Sep 10 **tentative; see note below table**	MAP Growth Reading --fall term; grades 1-3, RBG3 state testing	1-3
Sep 2-19	GATE Universal Assessment (NNAT-3) , gr2&5	2 & 5

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Dec 1-19	i-Ready Diagnostic --MOY/Middle of Year; Mathematics and Reading	K-8
District window, Jan 12-Feb 4 **tentative; see note below table**	MAP Growth Reading —winter term; gr K-3, RBG3 state testing	K-3
Jan 6-Feb 27 (Kindergarten) Jan 12-Feb 27 (gr1-12)	ELPA/English Language Proficiency Assessment WIDA ACCESS or Alternate ACCESS , gr K WIDA ACCESS or Alternate ACCESS , gr1-12 --October: determine Alternate ACCESS participation	K; EL (English Learner) 1-12; EL (English Learner)
Jan 26-Feb 13	GATE Universal Make-up (NNAT-3), gr5 make-up, new to district	
Tentative start date... Mar 10 -May 1 (school days only)	Nevada CRT ELA and Mathematics (Smarter Balanced Summative)	3-8
Tentative start date... Mar 10 -May 1 (school days only)	Nevada CRT 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)	NAA ELA and Mathematics (Nevada Alternate) NAA Science (Nevada Alternate) --before OCT 15: determine alternate assessment eligibility and update IEP >> Alternate Assessment: Student Participation Guidance	3-8, 11 5, 8, 11 --grade 11 NAA participation required for alternative diploma
Mar 2-20	GATE Spring Referral Testing (CogAT)	
May 11-29	i-Ready Diagnostic --EOY/End of Year; Mathematics and Reading	K-8
District window, Apr 27-May 20 **tentative; see note below table**	MAP Growth Reading —spring term; gr K-3, RBG3 state testing	K-3
TBD: NAEP Winter 2026 (Jan 26-Mar 20) >> Information: naep.gov	NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) NAEP Assessment Calendar 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)

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****NWEA MAP Growth Reading for Nevada Read by Grade 3****

The WCSD schedule for MAP Growth Reading is tentative and subject to the actions by the State Board of Education and Nevada Department of Education to implement details of the recently passed [2025 Senate Bill 460](#) which will allow districts and charter schools to select their Read by Grade 3 interim assessment from a list of approved vendors.

District Schedule (Tentative)	Nevada Read by Grade 3 – Interim	
Aug 18-Sep 10 (Balanced) Aug 18-21 or Sep 2-10 (Gerlach) Aug 25-Sep 10 (Incline) **District window Aug 18-Sep 10	MAP Growth Reading --fall term; grades 1-3, RBG3 state testing >> NRS 388.157 , NAC 388.660 Term 1 (Fall), NDE window: Aug 11-Oct 24	1-3 *Gr1: MAP Growth K-2 *Gr2&3: MAP Growth 2-5

District Schedule (Tentative)	Nevada Read by Grade 3 – Interim	
Jan 12-Feb 4 (Balanced) Jan 12-Feb 4 (Gerlach) Jan 20-Feb 4 (Incline) <i>**District window Jan 12-Feb 4</i>	MAP Growth Reading —winter term; gr K-3, RBG3 state testing >> NRS 388.157 , NAC 388.660 <i>Term 2 (Winter), NDE window: Nov 10-Feb 13</i>	K-3 <i>*GrK&1: MAP Growth K-2</i> <i>*Gr2&3: MAP Growth 2-5</i>
Apr 27-May 20 (Balanced) Apr 27-May 20 (Gerlach) May 4-20 (Incline) <i>**District window Apr 27-May 20</i>	MAP Growth Reading —spring term; gr K-3, RBG3 state testing >> NRS 388.157 , NAC 388.660 <i>Term 3 (Spring), NDE window: Mar 9-May 29</i>	K-3 <i>*GrK&1: MAP Growth K-2</i> <i>*Gr2&3: MAP Growth 2-5</i>

ELEMENTARY Abbreviations and references

(O)= online test delivery; digital administration

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

CRT = Criterion-Referenced Test (O)

ELPA = English Language Proficiency Assessment (O/P)

GATE = Gifted and Talented Education

KEA = Kindergarten Entry Assessment

MAP = Measures of Academic Progress (O)

NAA = Nevada Alternate Assessment (P)

NAEP = National Assessment of Educational Progress (O)

RBG3 = Read by Grade 3 (program)

TSG = Teaching Strategies GOLD