



Washoe County School District

2025-2026 State & Local Testing Windows

K-12 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
August-September	24-25 Semester Finals ; 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 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

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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
October 2025 (check with school for test date/s) <i>STC >> Test Dates & Deadlines</i>	PSAT/NMSQT , digital (online only); interested gr10 (no fee) and gr11 (\$18 fee); <i>students register with their high school (early August)</i> >> College Board SAT Suite for PSAT/NMSQT	10 & 11, optional
October 2025- March 20, 2026* (between fall break and spring break) <i>*Test date deadline for Seal of Biliteracy</i>	NV Seal of Biliteracy qualifying assessments <i>*Complete testing before start of spring break (March 2026) for Seal of Biliteracy consideration</i>	High School (HS)
Tentative... Oct 15-Dec 13 (window 1) Feb 2-Mar 20 (window 2) Apr 6-May 15, 2026* (window 3) <i>*Test date deadline for Seal of Civics consideration: May 15, 2026</i> >>Last chance testing for 2026 diploma requirement: May 16-29	Civics Exam --online testing through SchoolCity app (WCSD) >> Civics Exam Practice Resource (USCIS) <i>*Complete testing by 5/15/2026 for Seal of Civics consideration</i>	12/senior HS; enrolled in Government (AG) or Economics (EC) --required for all diploma types
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
Dec 16-19 (Balanced, TMCC) Jan 21-24 (Incline) >>No early administration	Cumulative Semester Final Assessments -- fall, S1 <i>Make-up Finals: Complete within 3 weeks of starting subsequent semester</i> Reference: Administrative Procedure 6405	HS, mandatory MS, recommended
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	
Feb 19-Mar 20 Apr 13-24 (retake)	CTE WRS & End-of-Program assessments Retake WRS & End-of-Program	HS; CTE Program Completers
Feb 24 (paper, standard time) April 7 (make-up #1) April 21 (make-up #2)	NV ACT with Writing (CCR) --paper, standard time	11 (all), grade 12 as needed --students participate in ACT state testing (CCR assessment) once during high school --required for standard+ diploma; College and Career Readiness (CCR) assessment
Feb 24-27, Mar 2-6 Apr 7-10, Apr 13-17 (make-up #1) Apr 21-24, Apr 27-30, May 1 (make-up #2)	NV ACT with Writing (CCR) --paper with accommodations --online testing; standard time & accommodated	

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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)	
Apr 24, Apr 27-30, May 1 May 4-8, 11-15, 18-20 *each exam is scheduled for a specified date and time (AM or PM)	IB Exams --date-specific, HS select courses >> International Baccalaureate Assessment	HS; students enrolled in aligned courses
May 4-8, 11-15 *each exam is scheduled for a specified date and time (AM or PM)	AP Exams --date-specific, HS select courses --format varies by test, paper or digital (online) >> AP Exam Dates (detailed) >> College Board AP Central	HS; students enrolled in aligned courses
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
May TBD (TMCC) June TBD (Balanced, Incline) --window opens four days back from end of semester; determined by contingency days used >>No early administration	Cumulative Semester Final Assessments —spring, S2 Make-up Finals: Complete within 3 weeks of starting subsequent semester Reference: Administrative Procedure 6405	HS, mandatory MS, recommended
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) <i>**District window Aug 18-Sep 10</i>	MAP Growth Reading --fall term; grades 1-3, RBG3 state testing >> NRS 388.157 , NAC 388.660 <i>Term 1 (Fall), NDE window: Aug 11-Oct 24</i>	1-3 <i>*Gr1: MAP Growth K-2</i> <i>*Gr2&3: MAP Growth 2-5</i>
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>

College Readiness Assessments

National Test Dates and Registration Information

- [ACT](#)
- [SAT](#)

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)

CCR = College and Career Readiness (O/P)

CRT = Criterion-Referenced Test (O)

CTE = Career and Technical Education (O)

ELPA = English Language Proficiency Assessment (O/P)

GATE = Gifted and Talented Education

IB = International Baccalaureate

KEA = Kindergarten Entry Assessment

MAP = Measures of Academic Progress (O)

NAA = Nevada Alternate Assessment (P)

NAEP = National Assessment of Educational Progress (O)

PSAT = Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (O); NMSQT = National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (O)

RBG3 = Read by Grade 3 (program)

TSG = Teaching Strategies GOLD