

MSCS Assessment Calendar 2025-2026

District, State, Federal Mandated Assessment	Test Administration Window	Assessment	Participants/Brief Description	Parents/Students Informed of Results
State Mandated	Within 30 days of enrollment at the beginning of the year and within 14 days of enrollment for students who enroll after the beginning of the year	ELPA21 Dynamic Screener	Students new to the district who have a Non-English Language Background (NELB), as determined by the Home Language Survey required during the registration process	Parent Notification Letters (PNLs) must be provided within 30 days for students screened at the beginning of the year and within 14 days for students screened anytime after the beginning of the year.
State Mandated	Within 30 days of enrollment at the beginning of the year and within 14 days of enrollment for students who enroll after the beginning of the year	Alt ELPA Screener	Students with significant cognitive disabilities who are new to the district and have a Non-English Language Background (NELB), as determined by the Home Language Survey required during the registration process	Parent Notification Letters (PNLs) must be provided within 30 days for students screened at the beginning of the year and within 14 days for students screened anytime after the beginning of the year.
Not Required	August - December 2025	ASVAB	Reading, math, and science are assessed in 11th grade.	Schools will receive the scores 2-3 weeks after testing and will share with students.
Federal Requirement	TBD	Brigance III	3 and 4 year old Pre-K students	Results are shared during parent conferences.
State Mandated (RTI²): Universal Screener*	Aug. 11 - 29, 2025 (Grade K literacy tasks and Written Expression begin Aug. 4)	i-Ready Diagnostic Characteristics of Dyslexia Screening Written Expression	Grades K-6 participate in the iReady Reading and Math diagnostics, including the additional skills-based reading, writing, and math assessments. Students in grades 7-8 complete the iReady Reading and Math diagnostics.	Results will be available immediately after the assessment is completed and will be shared with parents.
District	Aug. 25-29, 2025	Vantage Learning Writing Formative Assessment #1	Students in grades 6-10 will participate in a writing formative assessment.	Teachers can share results with parents at any point after the test is completed.
State Mandated	Sept. 8 - Dec. 19, 2025	DLM: TCAP Alternate Assessments ELA and Math: Fall Window	Some students in grades 3-11 with significant cognitive disabilities take the alternate assessments in ELA and math (TCAP ALT) instead of the regular TCAP assessments.	Parents should be able to access scores by July in the TDOE Family Portal: https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login
District	Sept. 29 - Oct. 10, 2025	Performance Matters Formative Assessment #1 and Vantage Learning Writing Formative Assessment #2	Grades 3-8 and HS students enrolled in EOC-tested courses will take standards-based formative assessments. Students in grades 6-10 will participate in a writing formative assessment.	Teachers can share results with parents at any point after the test is completed.
State Mandated	Sept. 30, Oct. 1-3 & 6-10 OR Oct. 20 -24 OR Oct. 28- 31 & Nov. 3 -7, 2025	ACT- Grade 12	Seniors will take the ACT at their high school during the regular school day.	Students receive ACT results 3-8 weeks after testing at MyACT.org.

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District	Oct. 1 - 31 , 2025	PreACT	All 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students will participate in a PreACT test.	PreACT scores will be available approximately one month after testing.
Not Required	Oct. 1 - 31 , 2025	PSAT 11th Grade	11th grade students may participate in this assessment. Pre-registration is necessary.	Students should receive scores via mail in December.
District	Nov. 3-7, 2025	Vantage Learning Writing Formative Assessment #3	Students in grades 6-10 will participate in a writing formative assessment.	Teachers can share results with parents at any point after the test is completed.
State Mandated (High School Block Schedule Only)	Dec. 1 - 18, 2025	TCAP End of Course: <u>Fall Block Only</u>	Only students scheduled to complete English I or II, Algebra I or II, Geometry, Biology, or U.S. History in December will take these assessments. EOC tests are online.	Individual Student Reports are expected to be available in February.
District	Dec. 8 - 19, 2025	Performance Matters Formative Assessment #2 and Vantage Learning Writing Formative Assessment #4	Grades 3-8 and HS students enrolled in EOC-tested courses will take standards-based formative assessments. Students in grades 6-10 will participate in a writing formative assessment.	Teachers can share results with parents at any point after the test is completed.
State Mandated (RTI ²): Universal Screener*	Dec. 15, 2025 - Jan. 23, 2026	i-Ready Diagnostic Characteristics of Dyslexia Screening Written Expression	Grades K-6 participate in the iReady Reading and Math diagnostics, including the additional skills-based reading, writing, and math assessments. Students in grades 7-8 complete the iReady Reading and Math diagnostics.	Results will be available immediately after the assessment is completed and will be shared with parents.
Federal Requirement	TBD	Brigance III	3 and 4 year old Pre-K students	Results are shared during parent conferences.
State Mandated	Jan. 27 - Mar. 7, 2026	NAEP	A sample of schools will assess students with NAEP assessments.	Student level results are not available for this assessment.
District	Feb. 2 - 6, 2026	Vantage Learning Writing Formative Assessment #5	Students in grades 6-10 will participate in a writing formative assessment.	Teachers can share results with parents at any point after the test is completed.
State Mandated	Feb. 2 - Mar. 27, 2026	ELPA21 Summative Assessment	K-12 English Learners receiving direct or indirect ESL services are required to take this English Language Proficiency Assessment annually.	Printed reports are expected to be available in June and will be distributed to parents at the beginning of the next school year.

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State Mandated	Feb. 2 - Mar. 27, 2026	Alt ELPA Summative Assessment	K-12 English Learners receiving direct or indirect ESL services who qualify for alternate state assessment per their IEP are required to take this English Language Proficiency Assessment annually instead of the ELPA21 Summative Assessment.	Online reports available at the end of May. Printed reports available in June and will be distributed to parents at the beginning of the next school year.
State Mandated	Feb. 2 - May 15, 2026	DLM: TCAP Alternate Assessments ELA and Math: Spring Window	Some students in grades 3-11 with significant cognitive disabilities take the alternate assessments in ELA and math (TCAP ALT) instead of the regular TCAP assessments.	Parents should be able to access scores by July in the TDOE Family Portal: https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login
District	Mar. 2-13, 2026	Performance Matters Formative Assessment #3 and Vantage Learning Writing Formative Assessment #6	Grades 3-8 and HS students enrolled in EOC-tested courses will take standards-based formative assessments. Students in grades 6-10 will participate in a writing formative assessment.	Teachers can share results with parents at any point after the test is completed.
State Mandated	Mar. 9 - Apr. 24, 2026	TCAP Alternate Assessments Science and Social Studies	Some students in grades 3-11 with significant cognitive disabilities take the alternate assessments in science and social studies (TCAP ALT) instead of the regular TCAP assessments.	Parents should be able to access scores by July in the TDOE Family Portal: https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login
District	Mar. 9 - Apr. 24, 2026	Grade 2 TCAP ALT Assessment	The Tennessee Department of Education provides a 2nd grade alternate test for students with significant cognitive disabilities.	Parents should be able to access scores by July in the TDOE Family Portal: https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login
State Mandated	Mar. 10-13 OR Mar. 24-27 & 30-31 & Apr. 1-3 OR Apr. 7-10 & Apr 13-17, 2026	ACT	ACT for 11th grade students	Students receive results 3-8 weeks after testing at MyACT.org.
State Mandated (RTI ²): Universal Screener*	Mar. 30 - Apr. 10 (Gr 9-12) Apr. 28 - May 13 (Gr K-8)	i-Ready Diagnostic Characteristics of Dyslexia Screening Written Expression	Grades K-8 will participate in skills-based reading, writing, and math Diagnostic screening assessments. Students in grades 9-12 identified by the Early Warning System will participate in reading, writing, and math Diagnostic screening assessments.	Results will be available immediately after the assessment is completed and will be shared with parents by teachers.

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State-Mandated Universal Screener for Third Grade	Mar. 30 - Apr. 10, 2026	aimswebPlus	Third grade students will be assessed with aimswebPlus.	aimswebPlus results will be available to schools immediately after testing. Parents may be able to use aimsweb plus scores to appeal students' promotional status.
Federal Requirement	TBD	Brigance III	3 and 4 year old Pre-K students	Results are shared during parent conferences.
District	Apr. 13 - May 1, 2026	TCAP Grade 2 Assessment	The Tennessee Department of Education provides a 2nd grade TCAP test that assesses English language arts and math.	Parents should be able to access scores by July in the TDOE Family Portal: https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login
State Mandated	Apr. 13- May 1, 2026 Note: This window could be shortened depending on state deadlines for return of answer documents.	TCAP Grades 3-5	Students in grades 3-5 will take state-mandated assessments in English language arts, math, and science.	Parents should be able to access scores by July in the TDOE Family Portal: https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login
State Mandated	Apr. 13 - May 5, 2026	TCAP Grades 6-8	Students in grades 6-8 will take state-mandated assessments in English language arts, math, science, and social studies. Grades 6-8 tests are online.	Parents should be able to access scores by July in the TDOE Family Portal: https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login
State Mandated	Apr. 13 - May 5, 2026	TCAP End of Course	Students scheduled to complete English I or II, Algebra I or II, Geometry, Biology, or U.S. History will take these assessments. EOC tests will be online.	Parents should be able to access scores by July in the TDOE Family Portal: https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login
State Mandated	Apr. - May, 2026	State-Wide Dual Credit Challenge Exams	Challenge exams are required for students participating in state-wide dual credit courses.	Student scores will be in our local student information system and can be shared with students and placed on students' transcripts in late May or June.
District	May 4 - 15, 2026	Advanced Placement	Students enrolled in AP classes will take AP exams.	Results can be accessed by students on the College Board student site in July.
State Mandated	May, 2026	Grade 3 TCAP ELA Retake	Third grade students who did not score proficient or do not have a score for TCAP ELA participate in the third grade retake.	Results are used to determine promotional track.

***Charter schools must participate in state mandated assessments. In the case of state mandated RTI2 assessments, although charter schools must participate in the RTI2 process, they are not required to use the same RTI2 assessments as the district. Charters are not required to participate in assessments that are mandated by the district but not the state.**