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District or State 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 ELPA21 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	Aug. - Dec., 2026	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.
State Mandated (RTI^2): Universal Screener*	Aug. 10 - 21, 2026	i-Ready Inform Characteristics of Dyslexia Screening Written Expression	Grades K-6 participate in the iReady Reading and Math assessments, including the additional skills-based reading, writing, and math assessments. Students in grades 7-8 who are receiving intervention complete iReady Reading and Math assessments.	Results will be available immediately after the assessment is completed and will be shared with parents.

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District	Aug. 31 - Sep. 11, 2026	Common Formative Assessment #1: Performance Matters and Vantage Learning Writing Assessment	Students in grades 3-8 and students in EOC-tested courses will participate in short CFAs. Grades 3-8 students and English I and II students will also take writing formative assessments.	Teachers can share results with parents at any point after the test is completed.
District	Sep. 8 - Oct. 2, 2026	ELLevation Benchmark Assessment	EL students in grades 2 - 12 will participate in this English language proficiency assessment.	
State Mandated	Sept. 14 - Dec. 18, 2026	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 will be able to access scores by July in the TDOE Family Portal: https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login
State Mandated	Sept. 29-30, Oct. 1-2 & 5-9 **OR** Oct. 20-23 **OR** Oct. 27- 30 & Nov. 2-6, 2026	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.
District	Sep. 29 - Nov. 20, 2026	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 - 30, 2026	PSAT 11th Grade	11th grade students may participate in this assessment. Pre-registration is necessary.	Students should receive scores via mail in December.

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District	Oct. 5 - 9, 2026	Performance Matters Interim Assessment #1 and Vantage Learning Writing Formative Assessment	Grades 3-8 students and students enrolled in EOC-tested courses will take standards-based formative assessments. Grades 3-8 students and English I and II students will also take writing formative assessments.	Teachers can share results with parents at any point after the test is completed.
District	Nov. 9 - 13, 2026	Common Formative Assessment #2: Performance Matters and Vantage Learning Writing Assessment	Students in grades 3-8 and students in EOC-tested courses will participate in short CFAs. Grades 3-8 students and English I and II students will also take writing formative assessments.	Teachers can share results with parents at any point after the test is completed.
District	Nov. 16 - Dec. 4, 2026	ELLevation Benchmark Assessment	EL students in grades 2 - 12 will participate in this English language proficiency assessment.	
State Mandated (High School Block Schedule Only)	Nov. 30 - Dec. 17, 2026	TCAP End of Course: Fall Block Only	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.

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District	Dec. 14 - 18, 2026	Performance Matters Interim Assessment #2 and Vantage Learning Writing Formative Assessment	Grades 3-8 students and students enrolled in EOC-tested courses will take standards-based formative assessments. Grades 3-8 students and English I and II students will also take writing formative assessments.	Teachers can share results with parents at any point after the test is completed.
State Mandated (RTI^2): Universal Screener*	Jan. 5 - 22, 2027	i-Ready Inform Characteristics of Dyslexia Screening Written Expression	Grades K-6 participate in the iReady Reading and Math assessments, including the additional skills-based reading, writing, and math assessments. Students in grades 7-8 who are receiving intervention complete the iReady Reading and Math assessments.	Results will be available immediately after the assessment is completed and will be shared with parents.
District	Jan. 25 - 29, 2027	Common Formative Assessment #3: Performance Matters and Vantage Learning Writing Assessment	Students in grades 3-8 and students in EOC-tested courses will participate in short CFAs. Grades 3-8 students and English I and II students will also take writing formative assessments.	Teachers can share results with parents at any point after the test is completed.

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State Mandated	Feb. 1 - Mar. 26, 2027	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.
State Mandated	Feb. 1 - Mar. 26, 2027	Alt ELPA21 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. 1 - May 21, 2027	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. 1- 5, 2027	Performance Matters Interim Assessment #3 and Vantage Learning Writing Formative Assessment	Grades 3-8 students and students enrolled in EOC-tested courses will take standards-based formative assessments. Grades 3-8 students and English I and II students will also take writing formative assessments.	Teachers can share results with parents at any point after the test is completed.

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State Mandated	Mar. 9-12 **OR** Mar. 23-26 & 30-31 **OR** Apr. 6-9 & Apr 12-16, 2027	ACT	All 11th grade students. 12th grade students who have not taken ACT before.	Students receive results 3-8 weeks after testing at MyACT.org.
State Mandated	Mar. 15 - Apr. 30, 2027	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 will be able to access scores by July in the TDOE Family Portal: https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login
District	Mar. 15 - Apr. 30, 2027	Grade 2 TCAP ALT Assessment	The Tennessee Department of Education provides a 2nd grade alternate test for students with significant cognitive disabilities.	Parents will be able to access scores by July in the TDOE Family Portal: https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login
State Mandated (RTI^2): Universal Screener*	Mar. 22 - Apr. 2 (Gr 9-12) Mar. 22 - Apr. 9 (Gr K - 8)	i-Ready Inform Characteristics of Dyslexia Screening Written Expression	Grades K-8 will participate in skills-based reading, writing, and math screening assessments. Students in grades 9-12 identified by the Early Warning System will participate in reading, writing, and math 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. 22 - Mar. 25, 2027	aimswebPlus	Third grade students will be assessed with aimswebPlus.	aimswebPlus results will be available to schools immediately after testing. Scores at or above the 50th percentile, when combined with tutoring for the duration of the 4th grade year, will allow students a promotional pathway if needed.
State Mandated	Apr. 7 - May 6, 2027 Note: The overall window is expanded this year to accommodate each ELA test having two writing subparts instead of one. One writing subpart is a field test.	TCAP Grades 2-8 and End of Course (EOC)	Students in grades 3-8 and students in EOC courses will take state-mandated assessments in English language arts, math, science and social studies. Note: Grade 2 testing is not state-mandated but is district-mandated.	Parents will be able to access scores by July in the TDOE Family Portal: https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login
State Mandated	TBD: Apr./May 2027	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 3-7 and May 10-14, 2027	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.
District	May 10 - 21, 2027	ELLevation Benchmark Assessment	EL students in grades 2 - 12 will participate in this English language proficiency assessment.	

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State Mandated	TBD: May 2027	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 RTI^2 assessments, although charter schools must participate in the RTI^2 process, they are not required to use the same RTI^2 assessments as the district. Charters are not required to participate in assessments that are mandated by the district but not the state.**