

Arlington Community Schools
Assessment Calendar 2025-2026 (Dates Subject To Change)

Assessment	Administration Window	Participants	Tested Subject(s)	Purpose	Format	Test Results
RTI² Universal Screener	Fall: K-5 Sept. 8-Sept. 19 6-12 Aug. 11- Aug. 22 Winter: 6-12 Dec. 1 -Dec. 12 K-5 Jan. 12- Jan. 23 Spring: K-5 Apr. 29- May 8 6-12 Apr. 29- May 8	Selected students in grades K-12.	Literacy & Numeracy	State mandated universal screener used to determine whether students demonstrate the skills necessary to achieve the grade level standards.	Online & Paper/Pencil	Students in need of tiered intervention based upon the universal screener results will be notified by the school.
Benchmark Assessments	Winter (AHS): Sept. 29-Oct. 10 (AES, DES, AMS): Oct. 20- Oct. 31 Spring (All) Feb. 17 to Feb. 27	Students in grades 2-8 & students enrolled in EOC courses grades 9-12	Reading/ Lang. Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies & EOC Courses	The district-led intentional practice of developing, analyzing, and reflecting upon common assessments ensures equitable, quality instruction focused on grade level standards for all students.	Online & Paper/Pencil	Data generated from Benchmark Assessments are used to guide instruction. Results are not used for grades.
Citizenship Test	Fall: Sept. – Dec. Spring: Jan. – May	Students enrolled in U.S. Gov't or AP Gov't	U.S. History Civics	State-mandated assessment that is a graduation requirement.	Paper/Pencil	Students receive their scores within 2 weeks of testing. Opportunities to re-test will be available throughout the semester.
ACT Fall 2025	September 30	Students in 12th grade	English, Math, Reading, Science	This test assesses students' academic readiness for college.	Paper/Pencil	Online scores are usually available 2- 4 weeks after testing. Results are not used for grades.
PSAT	October 23	Students in 11th grade (Optional: pre-registration is required)	Reading, Writing Language, Math	Connects students to scholarships including National Merit. Associated fees. See your counselor for fee waiver information.	Paper/Pencil	Students access their scores online, 2-4 weeks after testing.
ELPA 21	February 2- March 27	English Language Learners (Grades K-12)	Listening, Speaking, Reading, & Writing	A state-mandated assessment that measures English language proficiency.	Online	Scores are distributed to students/parents in August. Results are not used for grades.
ACT Spring 2025	March 10	Students in 11th grade & 12th grade re-take	English, Math, Reading, Science	This state administered test assesses students' academic readiness for college.	Paper/Pencil	Online scores are usually available 2- 4 weeks after testing. Results are not used for grades.
TCAP Alternate Assessments (DLM)	Fall: September 8 -December 19	Selected special education students in grades 3-12	Reading and Math	State-mandated assessment for students unable to complete the regular TCAP TN Ready assessment, even with the use of extensive accommodations.	Online	Student reports are distributed to students/parents in August 2026. Results are not used for grades.

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TCAP Alternate Assessments (DLM)	Spring: February 2 -May 15	Selected special education students in grades 3-12	Reading and Math	State-mandated assessment for students unable to complete the regular TCAP TN Ready assessment, even with the use of extensive accommodations.	Online	Student reports are distributed to students/parents in August 2026. Results are not used for grades.
TCAP Alternate Assessments	March 9-April 24	Selected special education students in grades 3-8 and EOC	Science and Social Studies	State-mandated assessment for students unable to complete the regular TCAP TN Ready assessment, even with the use of extensive accommodations.	Paper	Student reports are distributed to students/parents in August. Results are not used for grades.
TCAP Grade 2 Alternate Assessment	March 9-April 24	Selected special education students in grade 2	English/ Lang. Arts Math	Summative assessment for selected special education ACS 2nd graders.	Paper/Pencil	Student reports will be available in the fall of 2026.
TCAP Grade 2 Assessment	April 13- May 1	Students in grade 2	English/ Lang. Arts, Math	Summative assessment for all ACS 2nd graders.	Paper/Pencil	Student reports will be available in the fall of 2026.
TCAP Grades 3-5	April 13- May 1	Students in grades 3-8	Rdg/Lang. Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies* (gr 6-8 only)	State-mandated summative assessment.	Paper/Pencil	The score will count. See Policy 4.7. Student reports will be available in the fall of 2026.
TCAP Grades 6-8	April 13- May 5	Students in grades 3-8	Rdg/Lang. Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies* (gr 6-8 only)	State-mandated summative assessment.	Online	The score will count. See Policy 4.7. Student reports will be available in the fall of 2026.
TCAP End-of-Course	April 13- May 5	Students enrolled in EOC courses in grades 9-12	EOC Courses	State-mandated summative assessment for students enrolled in the applicable course(s).	Online	The EOC score will count as the end of year exam. See Policy 4.7. Student reports will be available in the fall of 2026.
Advanced Placement Exams	May 4- May 15	Students enrolled in specific AP courses in grades 9-12	Enrolled in specific AP courses	This test is administered to enrolled students. Scores can be used to award credit or determine placement upon entering college. Associated fees. See your AP coordinator for fee waiver information.	Online & Paper/Pencil	Scores are available online in July of each year. The scores are not used for classroom grades.