

2025-2026
G H S A



Calendar of Events

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NATIONAL TESTING DATES

PRINCIPALS - COUNSELORS

Please advise students of the 2025-2026 test date schedules. Your students should be aware of tournament dates and should attempt to schedule their respective test date away from tournament dates of the activities in which they are interested and participate.

Following are expected test dates for 2025-2026, and possible GHSA activity conflicts:

ACT ASSESSMENT DATES

ACTIVITY CONFLICT

July 12, 2025.....	None
September 6, 2025.....	None
October 18, 2025.....	FP Softball Sectionals
December 13, 2025.....	None
February 14, 2026.....	State Wrestling Tournament
April 11, 2026.....	None
June 13, 2026.....	None

SAT ASSESSMENT DATES

ACTIVITY CONFLICTS

August 23, 2025.....	None
October 4, 2025.....	None
November 8, 2025.....	Region Cross Country, Region One Act Play, Football
December 6, 2025.....	Football Playoff
March 14, 2026.....	Region/Area Literary, Basketball State Finals
May 2, 2026.....	Sectional Track Meets
June 6, 2026.....	None

ACT EXAM DATES

ACTIVITY CONFLICTS

Week 1 - May 4-8, 2026.....	Baseball, Lacrosse, Soccer & Tennis Playoffs, Area/Sectional Golf, State Track
Week 2 - May 11- 15, 2026.....	Baseball, Soccer & Lacrosse Playoffs

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Beginning and Ending Dates for 2025-2026

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ACTIVITY	DATE FOR FIRST PRACTICE	FIRST CONTEST	MAXIMUM GAMES/DATES	LAST PLAY DATE	PLAYOFF QUALIFIERS DETERMINED	First Round/ Sectionals	Second Round	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Finals
Football	Jul 28	Aug 15	10 (7 JV)	Nov 1	Nov 1	Nov 14 <small>Also Nov 13 if needed for officials availability</small>	Nov 21	Nov 28	Dec 5	Dec 15-17
Cheerleading	Jul 28	Aug 9	6 (4JV)	Nov 1		Nov 8				Nov 14-15
Game Day	Jul 28	Sep 20		Nov 29						Dec 3-4
Softball (FP)	Jul 28	Aug 1	30 V/21 JV	Oct 9	Oct 9	Oct 14-16	Oct 21-23			Oct 29-Nov 1
Volleyball	Jul 28	Aug 4	18 (13 JV) Dates	Oct 9-11	Oct 9-11	Oct 14-15	Oct 18	Oct 21-22	Oct 25	Oct 29 Oct 30
Cross Country	Jul 28	Aug 11	10 (7 JV)	Nov 1	Nov 1	Nov 1				Nov 7-8
Flag Football	Sep 9	Sep 30	20 V/14 JV	Nov 29	Nov 29	Dec 4	Dec 4	Dec 8	Dec 8	Dec 15-17
One Act Play	Jul 28			Nov 1 Nov 8	Nov 1 Nov 8					Nov 15 Nov 22
Literary	Jul 28			Mar 7	Mar 7					Mar 14 Mar 21
Riflery	Jul 28	Oct 20		Feb 11	Feb 11	Feb 24			Mar 3	Mar 14
Swimming/Diving	Oct 6	Oct 20	10 (7 JV)	Jan 27						Feb 3-7
Dance	Oct 20	Nov 8	6 (4JV)	Feb 7						Feb 11-12
Basketball	Oct 20	Nov 7	25 (18 JV)	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 24-25	Feb 27-28	Mar 3-4	Mar 6-7	Mar 11-14
Wrestling (Duals)			<small>20 (14 JV) Dates Total Duals and Trad</small>	Jan 31	Jan 9-10 Jan 9 G, 10 B					Jan 16-17 Boys Jan 23-24, Girls
Wrestling (Traditional)	Oct 20	Nov 7	<small>20 (14 JV) Dates Total Duals and Trad</small>	Jan 31	Jan 30-31 Jan 30 B, Jan 31 G	Feb 6-7				Feb 12-14
Gymnastics	Jan 26	Feb 9	10 (7 JV)	Apr 15		Apr 22-23				Apr 24
Tennis	Jan 26	Feb 2	18 (13 JV) Dates	Apr 17	Apr 17	Apr 23	Apr 29	May 4	May 8	May 13
Soccer	Jan 19	Feb 9	18 (13 JV)	Apr 16	Apr 16	Apr 21-24	Apr 28-May 1	May 4-5	May 7-8	May 12-15
Track & Field	Jan 19	Feb 9	10 (7 JV)	Apr 25	Apr 25	May 2				
Lacrosse	Jan 19	Feb 9	18 V/ 13 JV	Apr 22	Apr 22	Apr 27-28	May 1-2	May 5-6	May 8-9	May 13-15
Baseball	Jan 19	Feb 9	30 (21 JV)	Apr 18	Apr 18	Apr 22-25	Apr 29-May 1	May 6-8	May 14-15	May 22-23 May 25
Golf	Jan 26	Feb 9	12 (8JV) Dates	May 5	Apr 28 (4-6A) May 5, (1-3A, Priv)	May 4-5 (4-6A)				May 18-19
Softball (SP)	Feb 9	Feb 14	16	Apr 11	Apr 11					Apr 17-18

NOTES: Dates and more information for Bass Fishing and Esports may be found on the GHSA website (www.ghsa.net)

The "Dead Weeks" for the 2026-2027 school year are Monday, May 25 through Sunday, May 31, 2026 and Monday, June 29 through Sunday, July 5, 2026. The GHSA Office will be closed both weeks.

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July

- 28 First Practice - Cheerleading
- 28 First Practice - Cross Country
- 28 First Practice - Fast-Pitch Softball
- 28 First Practice - Football (In Pads)
- 28 First Practice - Game Day
- 28 First Practice - Literary
- 28 First Practice - One Act Play
- 28 First Practice - Riflery
- 28 First Practice - Volleyball

August

- 1 Earliest Date for Fast Pitch Softball Game
- 4 Earliest Date for Volleyball Contest
- 5 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 9 Earliest Date for Cheerleading Contest
- 11 Earliest Date for Cross Country Meet
- 15 Earliest Date for Football Game
- 19 Hardship/Appeal Meeting

September

- 1 GHSA Office Closed
- 8 Esports - Fall 2025 - Preseason Begins
- 9 Earliest Date for Flag Football Practice
- 9 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 20 Earliest Date for Game Day Cheerleading Contest
- 22 Esports - Fall 2025 - Regular Season Begins
- 23 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 30 Earliest Date for Flag Football Contest

October

- 1 Deadline for Notification of Entry in One Act Play
- 5-6 State Executive Committee Meeting
- 6 Earliest Date for Swimming and Diving Practice
- 7 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 9 Complete Region Fast Pitch Softball
- 9-11 Determine Area/Region Volleyball Winners
- 9 Report Region Fast Pitch Softball Winners to GHSA
- 14 Report Region/Area Volleyball Winners to GHSA
- 14-16 State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament - First Round
- 14-15 State Volleyball Tournament - First Round
- 18 State Volleyball Tournament - Second Round

October

- 20 Earliest Date for Basketball Practice
- 20 Earliest Date for Dance Practice
- 20 Earliest Date for Riflery Match
- 20 Earliest Date for Swimming/Diving Meet
- 20 Earliest Date for Wrestling Practice
- 21 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 21-23 State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament - Second Round
- 21-22 State Volleyball Tournament - Quarterfinals
- 25 State Volleyball Tournament - Semifinals
- 28 Deadline to Post Cross Country Rosters (Electronically)

November

- 1 Complete Region/Area One Act Plays - Classes 5A, 3A, 2A, A Div. II
- 1 Cross Country Sectional Meets
- 1 End of Football Regular Season
- 1 Last Contest Date for Cheerleading
- 7 Earliest Date for Basketball Game
- 7 Earliest Date for Wrestling Meet
- 8 Complete Region/Area One Act Plays - Classes 6A, 4A, A Div I
- 8 Earliest Date for Dance Contest
- 8 Region Cheerleading
- 11 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 14-15 GHSA Cheerleading State Championships presented by Rebel Athletic
- 14 State Football Playoffs - First Round
- 15 Esports - Fall 2025 - Regular Season Ends
- 17 Esports - Fall 2025 - Playoffs Begin
- 21 State Football Playoffs - Second Round
- 26-28 GHSA Office Closed
- 28 State Football Playoffs - Quarterfinals
- 29 Last Contest Date for Game Day Cheerleading
- 29 Last Play Date for Flag Football

December

- 4 First Round/Sectional - Flag Football
- 4 Flag Football State Tournament - Second Round
- 5 State Football Playoffs - Semifinals
- 8 Flag Football State Tournament - Quarterfinals
- 8 Flag Football State Tournament - Semifinals
- 9 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 13 Esports State Championship
- 13-31 GHSA Office Closed

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December

January

- 1-4 GHSA Office Closed
- 6 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 9-10 Dual Wrestling - Region/Area Meets
- 19 Earliest Date for Baseball Practice
- 19 Earliest Date for Lacrosse Practice
- 19 Earliest Date for Soccer Practice
- 19 Earliest Date for Track and Field Practice
- 19 GHSA Office Closed
- 20 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 26 Earliest Date for Golf Practice
- 26 Earliest Date for Gymnastics Practice
- 26 Earliest Date for Tennis Practice
- 27 Last Contest Date for Swimming and Diving
- 30-31 Traditional Wrestling Region/Area Tournaments

February

- 1 Deadline for Notification of Entry in Literary
- 2 Earliest Date for Tennis Match
- 6-7 Traditional Wrestling Sectionals
- 7 Last Contest Date for Dance
- 9 Earliest Date for Baseball Game
- 9 Earliest Date for Golf Match
- 9 Earliest Date for Gymnastics Contest
- 9 Earliest Date for Lacrosse Match
- 9 Earliest Date for Slow-Pitch Softball Practice
- 9 Earliest Date for Soccer Match
- 9 Earliest Date for Track Meet
- 10 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 11 Complete Area Riflery
- 14 Earliest Date for Slow-Pitch Softball Contest
- 20 Complete Region Basketball
- 21 Report Region Basketball Winners to GHSA
- 24 Complete Riflery Sectionals
- 24 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 24-25 State Basketball Tournament - First Round
- 27-28 State Basketball Tournament - Second Round

March

- 3 Complete Riflery Semifinals

March

- 3-4 State Basketball Tournament - Quarterfinal Round
- 6-7 State Basketball Tournament - Semifinal Round
- 7 Complete Region/Area Literary Meets
- 7 Report Region/Area Literary Winners to GHSA
- 10 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 14 GHSA Riflery State Championship
- 24 Hardship/Appeal Meeting

April

- 11 Complete Area Slow Pitch Softball
- 11 Report Area Slow Pitch Softball Winners to GHSA Office
- 14 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 15 Last Play Date - Gymnastics
- 16 Complete Region Soccer
- 17 Complete Region Tennis
- 17 Report Region Tennis Winners to GHSA
- 18 Complete Region Baseball
- 18 Report Region Baseball Winners to GHSA
- 22 Complete Area Lacrosse
- 22 Report Area Lacrosse Results to GHSA Office
- 22-25 State Baseball Tournament - First Round
- 22 State Soccer Tournament - First Round Girls - A, 3A & 5A
- 23 State Soccer Tournament - First Round Boys - A, 3A & 5A
- 23 State Tennis Tournament - Complete First Round
- 24 State Soccer Tournament - First Round Girls - 2A, 4A & 6A
- 25 Complete Region/Area Track
- 25 Report Region/Area Track Winners to MileSplit
- 25 State Soccer Tournament - First Round Boys - 2A, 4A & 6A
- 27-28 State Lacrosse Tournament - First Round
- 28 Complete Region/Area Golf (4A-6A)
- 28 Report Area Golf Winners to GHSA (4A-6A)
- 29-30 State Baseball Tournament - Second Round
- 29 State Soccer Tournament - Second Round Girls - A, 3A & 5A
- 29 State Tennis Tournament - Complete Second Round
- 30 State Soccer Tournament - Second Round Boys - A, 3A & 5A

May

- 1 State Baseball Tournament - Second Round
- 1-2 State Lacrosse Tournament - Second Round
- 1 State Soccer Tournament - Second Round Girls - 2A, 4A & 6A
- 2 Sectional Track Meets

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- 2 State Soccer Tournament - Second Round Boys - 2A, 4A & 6A
- 4-5 Golf Sectionals (4A-6A)
- 4-5 State Soccer Tournament - Quarterfinal Round
- 4 State Tennis Tournament - Complete Quarterfinal Round
- 5 Complete Region/Area Golf (A-3A)
- 5 Report Area Golf Winners to GHSA (A-3A)
- 5-6 State Lacrosse Tournament - Quarterfinals
- 6-8 State Baseball Tournament - Quarterfinals
- 7-8 State Soccer Tournament - Semifinals
- 8-9 State Lacrosse Tournament - Semifinals
- 8 State Tennis Tournament - Complete Semifinal Round
- 13 State Tennis Tournament - Finals
- 14-15 State Baseball Tournament - Semifinals