

2025-2026 PPS Assessment Calendar

Testing Window		Assessment	Grades	Subject	Note	Description/Purpose
September/August	August 25-September 12, 2025	DIBELS/Acadience	K-5	ELA	Data Entry Sept 15-19	Assesses early literacy skills; progress monitoring of foundational & early reading skills.
	September 8-30	Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT)	3-HS	ELA, Math & *Science	Administer FULL CDT Science at Grs. 4, 5, 7, 8 and Biology	Diagnostic information to assist educators in identifying students' academic strengths and areas of need. Provides links to classroom resources via integration with PDE SAS and exposes students to the same content assessed on the PSSA and Keystone Exams.
	September 15-30	Dreambox	K-8	MATH	*1st Time Data Pulled for Reporting	Grs 3-8 complete one-time Launchpad assessment when logging on for 1st time. Monitor student growth and proficiency on content. *Data pull dates are not a testing window.
November/October	September 30-October 10	AAPPL Beginning of Year Assessment	5-8 Levels 1-4+	World Languages (WL)	Measures growth in target language listening, writing, speaking, and reading skills.	Online assessment for WL students to assess their BOY proficiency in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. (Administration time: 1-2 class periods)
	October 6-10	PSAT/NMSQT	10-11			Aptitude test to show college readiness. Practice exam (10th grade); National Merit qualification (11th grade)
	October 6 2025 - March 13, 2026 for PSSA and through April 10 for Keystone	NEW "Firefly" PA Benchmark for PSSA and Keystone	3-HS	ELA, Math, Science, Alg 1, Bio and Lit	OPTIONAL Administered Online up to 3 times in a SY	Predictive Assessment for PSSA and Keystone. Principal determines participation and testing dates.
	October 20-24	PSAT	8		Pick 1 date from the window	College readiness & placement for advanced courses.
January/December	December 2-16	Classroom Diagnostic Tools	3-HS	ELA, Math & Science	FULL CDT	See September description
	December 2-16	Dreambox	K-2	MATH	2nd Data Pull	See September description
	December 8 - January 9, 2026	DIBELS/Acadience	K-5	ELA	Data Entry January 12-16	See Aug/Sep description
	*December 9-23 & January 20-30, 2026	Act 35 Civics	HS	Social Studies	<i>Semester Courses</i>	Assesses Knowledge, Skills, and Actions; required by PDE.
	January 5 -February 20, 2026	WIDA ACCESS	K-12	ELLs Only		Measures English language proficiency for ELLs.
	January 5-16, 2026	WINTER KEYSTONE	Re-testers and Semester Courses	Algebra, Literature & Biology	Paper/Pencil Administration	State graduation requirement; measures proficiency on end of course standards.

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March/February	February 23 - March 6	Dreambox	K-2	MATH	3rd Data Pull	See September description
	February 23 - March 6	Classroom Diagnostic Tools	3-HS	ELA, Math & Science	<i>FULL CDT Science at Grs. 4, 5, 7-8 & Bio</i>	See September description
	TBD	NOCTI Performance Assessment	12	CTE		Students demonstrate acquired skills by completing actual jobs using the tools, materials, machines, and equipment characteristic of occupation.
	March 9 - May 1	PASA	3-8 and 11	All	State Assessment	PA Alternate System of Assessment
	TBD	NOCTI Online	12	CTE		Demonstrates the level of conceptual and procedural knowledge for a more complete picture of acquired skills.
	March 14	SAT	11			Aptitude test to show college readiness.
	TBD	NOCTI	11	CTE		Pre-Test Written/Online Only
May/April	*April 6-10 and April 1-24	DIBELS/Acadience	K-2 and 3-5	ELA	Data Entry April 27 - May 1	*Grs 3-5 April 6-10 ONLY Grs K-2 - April 1-24
	April 20-24, 2026	PSSA	3-8	ELA	ONLINE ONLY and No Early Reporting	Measures proficiency on grade-level standards.
	April 27 - May 1, 2026	PSSA	Math 3-8 Science Grs 5 and 8 only	Math, Science & Make-ups	ONLINE ONLY and No Early Reporting	Measures proficiency on grade-level standards.
	May 4-8, 2026	PSSA	Grs 3-8	Optional Science Week & ALL Make-ups	ONLINE ONLY and No Early Reporting	Measures proficiency on grade-level standards.
	May 11-22, 2026	KEYSTONE	Enrolled in Course or Retesters	Algebra, Literature & Biology	1st Time Testers and Retesters - ONLINE ONLY	State graduation requirement; measures proficiency on end of course standards.
	May 18-29	Dreambox	K-2	MATH	4th Data Pull	See September description
	TBD	IB Exams	11-12	IB		
	May 4-8 and May 11-15	AP Exams	11-12	CollegeBoard Determines Subjects	Based on Course May 18-22 Late Testing Week	Advanced Placement Exams NOTE: Keystone Exams Take Precedent.
June/May	May 25-June 10	Act 35 Civics	HS	Social Studies	Year-long Course	Assesses Knowledge, Skills, and Actions; required by PDE.
	June 1-12	AAPPL End of Year Assessment	5-8 Levels 1-4+	World Languages	See Sept-Oct Note	See Sept-Oct Note (Administration time: 1-3 class periods)