# 2025 - 2026 District Assessment Schedule

*Newport-Mesa Unified School District*

*Dates on this schedule are current as of the revision date printed below, and are subject to change.*

## ELEMENTARY DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS

| REQUIRED ASSESSMENT | GR. | DATES | NOTES | |
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| **ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS** | | | | |
| **Building Blocks of Learning**<br>*Early literacy, math skills, fine motor skills* | TK | **BBL August**<br>**BBL October**<br>**BBL February**<br>**BBL May** | Beginning<br>1st Trimester<br>2nd Trimester<br>3rd Trimester | |
| **Reading Foundational Skills**<br>mClass/DIBELS | **K - 2**<br>**3-6 as needed* | **Aug 25-Sep 12**<br>**Jan 12-30**<br>**May 11-29** | Beginning-of-Year (BOY)<br>Middle-of-Year (MOY)<br>End-of-Year (EOY) | Extension to learn platform |
| **ELA Benchmark**<br>STAR Reading*<br>**make up testing available 2 weeks after the window* | **2nd - 6th** | **Aug 25-29** (3rd-6th grades only, no 2nd grade)<br>**October 13-17** (grades 2-6)<br>**Jan 12-16** (grades 2-6)<br>**May 18-22** (grades 2-6) | Beginning-of-Year (Entry)<br>Middle-of-Year (Fall)<br>Middle-of-Year (Winter)<br>End-of-Year (Spring) | |
| **District Writing Benchmarks: Fall & Winter** | **K-6** | **October 6-15 (Illuminate entry by 10/22)**<br>**January 12-28 (Illuminate entry by 2/6)** | Fall: Narrative<br>Winter: Opinion (K, 2-5), Argument (6th), Recount Narrative (1st) | |
| **Interim Assessment**<br>CAASPP ELA FIABs<br>**Standardized** | **3rd - 6th** | **Feb 2-13** | Listen/Interpret<br>Research: Use Evidence<br>Language & Vocabulary Use | |
| **Curriculum-Based Assessments**<br>Wonders Assessments | **3rd - 6th** | Grades 2: Units 4-6 only<br>Grades 3-6: One assessment per unit*<br>Please see Literacy Pacing on the NMUSD Classlink *Huddle* for more information | **Entry not required*<br>**Entry not required*<br>**Look for "Administer Assessment" link on the Literacy Pacing* | |
| **English Language Development (ELD)** | | | | |
| Curriculum-Based Assessments<br>Wonders ELD Unit Assessment | K-6 | Trimester 1: Oct. 6-19<br>Trimester 2: Feb. 23 - Mar. 6<br>Trimester 3: May 4-15 | Recommended to be used as data for the ELD section of report card.<br>Administer the unit assessment for the most recently completed Wonders unit. | |
| **MATHEMATICS** | | | | |
| **Math Benchmark**<br>STAR Math*<br>**make up testing available 2 weeks after the window* | **2nd - 6th** | **Aug 25-29** (3rd-6th grades only, no 2nd grade)<br>**October 13-17** (grades 2-6)<br>**Jan 12-16** (grades 2-6)<br>**May 18-22** (grades 2-6) | Beginning-of-Year (Entry)<br>Middle-of-Year (Fall)<br>Middle-of-Year (Winter)<br>End-of-Year (Spring) | |
| **Interim Assessments**<br>CAASPP Math IABSs/ FIABs<br>*Standardized* | **3rd-6th** | **March 16-27**<br>3rd: Number & Operations - Fractions (FIAB)<br>4th: Four Operations: Interpret, Represent, Solve (FIAB)<br>5th: Number & Operations in Base 10 (IAB)<br>6th: Algebraic Expressions (FIAB) | <br><br>*New this year<br>*New this year<br>*New this year | *Do not give these specific assessments prior to this assessment window..* |
| **Curriculum-Based Assessments**<br>Illustrative Math Assessments | **K-6th** | K-6: Unit Assessments and Checkpoints<br>Please see NMUSD Classlink *Teaching and Learning Resources* for more information | *Unit assessments 1-7 entered into Illuminate* | |

## ELEMENTARY STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS

| ASSESSMENT | GR. | DATES | NOTES | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)** | **3** | January 5 - January 30, 2026 | Computer-based | Annual | |
| **English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)** | **K-6 ELs** | July 21, 2025 - May 29, 2026 | Initial Computer-based | Year round | K-2 writing on paper/pencil |
| | **K-6 ELs** | October 13, 2025 - May 29, 2026 | Initial Alternate ELPAC | Year round | |
| | **K-6 ELs** | February 2, 2026 - May 29, 2026 | Summative Alternate ELPAC | Spring - Annual | |
| | **K-6 ELs** | February 2, 2026 - May 29, 2026 | Annual Summative Computer-based | Spring - Annual | K-2 writing on paper/pencil |
| **CAASPP (CA Assessment of Student Performance and Progress)** | | | | | |
| **Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) ELA and Math** | **3-6** | April 27-May 15 | Computer Adaptive Test | **make up testing complete by May 29* | |
| **California Alternate Assessment (CAA) ELA and math** | **3-6** | March 16 – May 29 | Computer-based Test | | |
| **California Spanish Assessment (CSA)**<br>Whittier Elementary only | **3-6** | March 16 – May 29 | Computer-based Test | | |
| **CA Science Test (CAST and CAA)** | **Grade 5** | March 10 – May 29 (CAST)<br>Sept 22 – May 29 (CAA for Sci) | Computer-based Test | | |
| **Physical Fitness Test (PFT)** | **Grade 5** | February 2 - May 15 | | | |
| **California Healthly Kids Survey (CHKS)** | **Grade 5** | February 24 - April 3 | | | |
| **Trimester Dates** | | **Tri 1: 8/18-10/17** | **Tri 2: 10/20-3/6** | **Tri 3: 3/9-6/4** | |

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