



Washoe County School District

2025-2026 State & Local Testing Windows

K-5 Assessment Events Schedule

The **2025-2026 State & Local Testing Windows** document includes assessments required by the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) and Washoe County School District (WCSD)-sponsored assessments.

For more information, visit the WCSD website or contact WCSD Assessment Support by phone: 775.348.0248 or email: AssessmentSupport@WashoeSchools.net

*[WCSD School Calendars](#)

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Test dates, windows and events subject to change.

Testing Date/s	TEST/EVENT	GRADE LEVEL
Screening Week for Kindergarten Aug 11-15 (Balanced) Aug 5-7 (Gerlach) Aug 18-22 (Incline)	Kindergarten Entry Assessment (Screening) --Teaching Strategies GOLD (TSG) Screening Week, Obj*: 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, 20 Weeks 2-4, Obj*: 1, 2, 3 <i>*Continue to administer all TSG objectives to new kindergarten students enrolling during the first term</i>	Kindergarten (K)
Screening for English Learner (EL) 20-Day Screening Window --Aug 11-Sep 8 (gr1-12) --Aug 18-Sep 15 (K) 10-Day Screening Window --begin Sep 9 (gr 1-12) --begin Sep 16 (K)	Screening for English Learner (EL) Services <i>During first month of school, new-to-district students screened within 20-days of enrollment, then transition to 10-day compliance window for screening new-to-district students remainder of school year</i>	K-12
Aug 11-Oct 15	Prepare: Determine alternate assessment eligibility and participation; update IEP, verify in Infinite Campus >> Alternate Assessment: Student Participation Guidance	K-12 (IEP Committee)
Aug 18-Sep 5	Prepare: Kindergarten Start to i-Ready My Path <i>(before BOY Diagnostic assessments)</i> <i>Kindergarten students will be served up Kinder-appropriate lessons in i-Ready to support digital readiness before taking their first i-Ready Diagnostic assessments for Mathematics and Reading</i>	K
Aug 13-Sep 5 (gr1-8) Sep 8-Sep 26 (Kindergarten) <i>--All students completing first Diagnostic(s) by September 26 will be included in BOY reporting window</i>	i-Ready Diagnostic--BOY/Beginning of Year; Mathematics and Reading* <i>*i-Ready Diagnostic for Reading used toward fulfillment of Nevada requirement for initial screening of indicators for dyslexia (NRS 388.439)</i> <i>*WCSD K-3; i-Ready Diagnostic for Reading required for Nevada Read by Grade 3</i>	1-8 K
Sep 2-19	GATE Universal Assessment (NNAT-3), gr2&5	2 & 5

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Dec 1-19 (complete before winter break)	i-Ready Diagnostic --MOY/Middle of Year; Mathematics and Reading* <i>*WCSD K-3; i-Ready Diagnostic for Reading required for Nevada Read by Grade 3</i>	K-8
Jan 6-Feb 27 (Kindergarten) Jan 12-Feb 27 (gr1-12)	ELPA/English Language Proficiency Assessment WIDA ACCESS or Alternate ACCESS , gr K WIDA ACCESS or Alternate ACCESS , gr1-12 <i>--October: determine Alternate ACCESS participation</i>	K; EL (English Learner) 1-12; EL (English Learner)
Jan 26-Feb 13	GATE Universal Make-up (NNAT-3) , gr5 make-up, new to district	
Mar 10-May 1 (school days only)	Nevada CRT ELA and Mathematics (Smarter Balanced Summative)	3-8
Mar 10-May 1 (school days only)	Nevada CRT Science	5, 8, HS (gr 9 or 10)
Mar 10-May 1* (school days only) <i>*May 4-8 window extension for special circumstances, NAA only administration AND submit through DRC INSIGHT</i>	NAA ELA and Mathematics (Nevada Alternate) NAA Science (Nevada Alternate) <i>--before OCT 15: determine alternate assessment eligibility and update IEP</i> <i>>> Alternate Assessment: Student Participation Guidance</i>	3-8, 11 5, 8, 11 <i>--participation required for alternative diploma</i> <i>--grade 12 participate as needed for alternative diploma</i>
Mar 2-20	GATE Spring Referral Testing (CogAT)	
May 11-29	i-Ready Diagnostic --EOY/End of Year; Mathematics and Reading* <i>*WCSD K-3; i-Ready Diagnostic for Reading required for Nevada Read by Grade 3</i>	K-8
NAEP Winter 2026 Jan 26-Mar 20 <i>>> Information: naqb.gov</i>	NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) NAEP Assessment Calendar <i>WCSD: Grades 4 and 8 Mathematics and Reading</i>	<i>Sampling of students from tested grade levels</i> <i>Schools selected by National Center for Edu. Stats. (NCES)</i>

ELEMENTARY Abbreviations and references

- (O)= online test delivery; digital administration
- (P)= paper test delivery; paper/pencil administration
- CRT = Criterion-Referenced Test (O)
- ELPA = English Language Proficiency Assessment (O/P)
- GATE = Gifted and Talented Education
- KEA = Kindergarten Entry Assessment
- NAA = Nevada Alternate Assessment (P)
- NAEP = National Assessment of Educational Progress (O)
- RBG3 = Read by Grade 3 (program)
- TSG = Teaching Strategies GOLD

Schedule Update Notes:

- 8/1/2025 – Remove *MAP Growth Reading* administration; Nevada State Board of Education (meeting 7/30/2025) authorizes districts and district/state sponsored charter schools to select *i-Ready Diagnostic for Reading* as other (replacement) K-3

SY 2025-2026, WCSD Assessment

interim assessment for Read by Grade 3 during SY 2025-26

- 8/4/2025 – WCSD website reference and URL updated to new district website
- 8/12/2025 – Kindergarten i-Ready pre-Diagnostic 1 direct to My Path window adjusted to 8/18-9/5
- 8/12/2025 – NAEP detail updated to show WCSD participation in grades 4 & 8 only at selected schools
- 12/8/2025 – details added to NAA information