



Washoe County School District

2025-2026 State & Local Testing Windows

6-8 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
August-September	24-25 Semester Finals ; S2/spring 2025 make-up --District Finals: Biology (HS&MS-GT), CTE <i>Complete administration and grading within 3 weeks of starting subsequent semester</i>	HS, MS-GT
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 13-Sep 5 (gr1-8) Sep 8-26 (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>	1-8 K
Dec 1-19 (complete before winter break)	i-Ready Diagnostic --MOY/Middle of Year; Mathematics and Reading	K-8
Dec 16-19 (Balanced, TMCC) Jan 21-24 (Incline) >>No early administration	Cumulative Semester Final Assessments – fall, S1 <i>Make-up Finals: Complete within 3 weeks of starting subsequent semester</i> Reference: Administrative Procedure 6405	HS, mandatory MS, recommended
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 --October: determine Alternate ACCESS participation	K; EL (English Learner) 1-12; EL (English Learner)

Testing Date/s	TEST/EVENT	GRADE LEVEL
Mar 10-May 1 <i>(school days only)</i>	Nevada CRT ELA and Mathematics (Smarter Balanced Summative)	3-8
Mar 10-May 1 <i>(school days only)</i>	Nevada CRT Science	5, 8, HS (gr 9 or 10)
Mar 10-May 1* <i>(school days only)</i> *May 4-8 window extension for special circumstances, NAA only administration AND submit through DRC INSIGHT	NAA ELA and Mathematics (Nevada Alternate) NAA Science (Nevada Alternate) --before OCT 15: determine alternate assessment eligibility and update IEP >> Alternate Assessment: Student Participation Guidance	3-8, 11 5, 8, 11 --participation required for alternative diploma --grade 12 participate as needed for alternative diploma
Mar 2-20	GATE Spring Referral Testing (CogAT)	
May 4-8, 11-15 *each exam is scheduled for a specified date and time (AM or PM)	AP Exams --date-specific, HS select courses --format varies by test, paper or digital (online) >> AP Exam Dates (detailed) >> College Board AP Central	HS; students enrolled in aligned courses
May 11-29	i-Ready Diagnostic --EOY/End of Year; Mathematics and Reading	K-8
June TBD --window opens four days back from end of semester; determined by contingency days used >>No early administration	Cumulative Semester Final Assessments --spring, S2 <i>Make-up Finals: Complete within 3 weeks of starting subsequent semester</i> Reference: Administrative Procedure 6405	HS, mandatory MS, recommended
NAEP Winter 2026 Jan 26-Mar 20 >> Information: naqb.gov	NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) NAEP Assessment Calendar WCSD: Grades 4 and 8 Mathematics and Reading	<i>Sampling of students from tested grade levels Schools selected by National Center for Edu. Stats. (NCES)</i>

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MIDDLE GRADES 6-8 Abbreviations and references

- (O)= online test delivery; digital administration
- (P)= paper test delivery; paper/pencil administration
- AP = Advanced Placement (O/P; varies by course exam)
- CRT = Criterion-Referenced Test (O)
- CTE = Career and Technical Education (O)
- ELPA = English Language Proficiency Assessment (O/P)
- GATE = Gifted and Talented Education
- NAA = Nevada Alternate Assessment (P)
- NAEP = National Assessment of Educational Progress (O)

Schedule Update Notes:

- 8/4/2025 – WCSD website reference and URL updated to new district website
- 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
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