

Arlington Community Schools
Assessment Calendar 2026-2027 (Dates Subject To Change)

Assessment	Administration Window	Participants	Tested Subject(s)	Purpose	Format	Test Results
RTI² Universal Screener	Fall: K-5 Sept. 8-Sept. 18 6-12 Aug.10- Aug. 21 Winter: 6-12 Dec. 1 -Dec. 11 K-5 Jan. 11- Jan. 22 Spring: K-5 Apr. 26- May 7 6-12 Apr. 26- May 7	Select students in grades K-12.	Literacy & Numeracy	State mandated universal screener used to determine whether students demonstrate the skills necessary to achieve the grade level standards.	Online & Paper/Pencil	Students in need of tiered intervention based upon the universal screener results will be notified by the school.
Benchmark Assessments	Winter (AHS): September 28- October 9 (AES, DES, AMS): October 19- October 30 Spring (All) February 16-February 26	Students in grades 2-8 & students enrolled in EOC courses grades 9-12	Reading/ Lang. Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies & EOC Courses	The district-led intentional practice of developing, analyzing, and reflecting upon common assessments ensures equitable, quality instruction focused on grade level standards for all students.	Online	Data generated from Benchmark Assessments are used to guide instruction. Results are not used for grades.
Civics Test	Fall: September – December Spring: January – May	Students enrolled in U.S. Gov't or AP Gov't	U.S. History Civics	State-mandated assessment that is a graduation requirement.	Paper/Pencil	Students receive their scores within 2 weeks of testing. Opportunities to re-test will be available throughout the semester.
ACT Fall 2026	September 29	Students in 12th grade	English, Math, Reading, Science	This test assesses students' academic readiness for college.	Paper/Pencil	Online scores are usually available 2- 4 weeks after testing. Results are not used for grades.
PSAT	October 1- October 29	Students in 11th grade (Optional: pre-registration is required)	Reading, Writing Language, Math	Connects students to scholarships including National Merit. Associated fees. See your counselor for fee waiver information.	Paper/Pencil	Students access their scores online, 2-4 weeks after testing.
ELPA21	February 1- March 26	English Language Learners (Grades K-12)	Listening, Speaking, Reading, & Writing	A state-mandated assessment that measures English language proficiency.	Online	Scores are distributed to students/parents in August. Results are not used for grades.
ACT Spring 2027	March 9	Students in 11th grade & 12th grade re-take	English, Math, Reading, Science	This state administered test assesses students' academic readiness for college.	Online	Online scores are usually available 2- 4 weeks after testing. Results are not used for grades.
TCAP Alternate Assessments (DLM)	Fall: September 14 -December 18	Selected special education students in grades 3-12	Reading and Math	State-mandated assessment for students unable to complete the regular TCAP TN Ready assessment, even with the use of extensive accommodations.	Online	Student reports are distributed to students/parents in August 2027. Results are not used for grades.
TCAP Alternate Assessments (DLM)	Spring: February 1 -May 7	Selected special education students in grades 3-12	Reading and Math	State-mandated assessment for students unable to complete the regular TCAP TN Ready assessment, even with the use of extensive accommodations.	Online	Student reports are distributed to students/parents in August 2027. Results are not used for grades.
TCAP Alternate Assessments	March 15-April 30	Selected special education students in grades 3-8 and EOC	Science and Social Studies	State-mandated assessment for students unable to complete the regular TCAP TN Ready assessment, even with the use of extensive accommodations.	Online	Student reports are distributed to students/parents in August. Results are not used for grades.

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TCAP Grade 2 Alternate Assessment	March 15-April 30	Selected special education students in grade 2	English, Math	Summative assessment for selected special education ACS 2nd graders.	Paper/Pencil	Student reports will be available in the fall of 2027.
TCAP Grade 2 Assessment	April 7-April 14 (Writing)	Students in grade 2	Writing	Summative assessment for all ACS 2nd graders.	Paper/Pencil	Student reports will be available in the fall of 2027.
	April 19- May 6		English, Math		Online	
TCAP Grades 3-5	April 7-April 14 (Writing)	Students in grades 3-8	Writing	State-mandated summative assessment.	Paper/Pencil	The score will count. See Policy 4.7. Student reports will be available in the fall of 2027.
	April 19- May 6		English, Math, Science		Online	
TCAP Grades 6-8	April 7-April 14 (Writing)	Students in grades 6-8	Writing	State-mandated summative assessment.	Online	The score will count. See Policy 4.7. Student reports will be available in the fall of 2027.
	April 19- May 6		English, Math, Science, Social Studies			
TCAP End-of-Course	April 19- May 6	Students enrolled in EOC courses	EOC Courses	State-mandated summative assessment for students enrolled in the applicable course(s).	Online	The EOC score will count as the end of year exam grade. See Policy 4.7. Student reports will be available in the fall of 2027.
Advanced Placement Exams	May 3- May14	Students enrolled in specific AP courses in grades 9-12	Enrolled in specific AP courses	Scores can be used to award credit or determine placement upon entering college. Associated fees. See your AP coordinator for fee waiver information.	Online & Paper/Pencil	Scores are available online in July of each year. The scores are not used for classroom grades.