



Nevada Department of Education

Adapted for Washoe County School District

Accountability Assessment Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year

Student Assessments – All Students	Grades	Testing Windows
Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment English Language Arts and Mathematics	3 - 8	April 5-April 30 (4 weeks)
Science Assessments: Grade 5, Grade 8	5, 8	April 5-April 30 (4 weeks)
Science Assessment: High School	9 or 10 (Grade 9 if enrolled in Biology/Life Science)	April 5-April 30 (4 weeks)
ACT College & Career Readiness Assessment (NSPF) English Language Arts and Mathematics <i>ACT full battery assessment: English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing</i>	11	#1: February 23, 2027 (Paper-Standard Time) Accommodated & Online: February 23-26 & March 1-5 #2: April 6, 2027 (Paper-Standard Time) Accommodated & Online: April 6-9 & April 12-16 #3: April 20, 2027 (Paper-Standard Time) Accommodated & Online: April 20-23 & April 26-30
Teaching Strategies GOLD Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA)	K	<i>Intake assessment:</i> No earlier than 15 calendar days prior to the start of school or within 45 instructional days of the start of the school year.
i-Ready Inform, Reading i-Ready Inform Reading i-Ready Inform Reading	K <i>Winter & Spring</i> 1-3 <i>Fall, Winter, & Spring</i>	2 Testing Seasons – Wi: Nov 16-Feb 12, Sp: Mar 8-May 28 WCSD Kindergarten: Wi: Nov 30-Dec 17, Sp: May 10-28 3 Testing Seasons – Fa: Aug 10-Oct 23, Wi: Nov 16-Feb 12, Sp: Mar 8-May 28 WCSD Gr 1-3: Fa: Aug 12-Sep 4, Wi: Nov 30-Dec 17, Sp: May 10-28

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- Some statewide assessment windows are adjusted for WCSD and WCSD-sponsored charter schools to ensure local help desk support is available during scheduled test administration (Contact: WCSD Assessment Support).



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Student Assessments – Select Populations	Grades	Testing Windows
NAA – Nevada Alternate Assessment English Language Arts & Mathematics Science	3-8, 11 5, 8, 11	March 9-19, April 5-30 (6 weeks) (Start: Tue 3/9/2027, End & Submit online: Fri 4/30/2027)
WIDA – Students Identified as English Learners English Language Proficiency Assessment in Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing	K 1 - 12	January 5 - February 26 January 11 - February 26
CTE – Career & Technical Education Workplace Readiness Skills & End-of-Program Technical Skills Workplace Readiness Skills <i>Retakes</i> & End-of- Program Technical Skills <i>Retakes</i>	CTE Program Completers CTE Program Completers	February 8 - March 19 April 12 - 23
NAEP – National Assessment of Educational Progress, Grade 8 Science	Selected students from selected schools	January 25 – March 19

Testing Windows

- Testing windows denote the amount of time provided for schools to select test administration days; they do not represent the amount of time students spend taking the assessments. The windows are established to provide flexibility to efficiently deliver these important measurements of student progress and performance and maximize student learning and instructional time.
- Individual schools establish daily testing schedules within these windows according to state- and district-provided guidance. Schools are responsible for communicating detailed scheduling information to families, students, and staff.

Assessment Scheduling Notes

- Each test must be given in a public facility approved by the board of trustees or the governing body.
- Testing is only permitted on days students are in session and the school test coordinator or alternate/backup **STC is on-site to support test administration.**
- School leaders are encouraged to consider religious observances when developing a school assessment schedule.
- Only individuals who have participated in test security and administration training for the current school year are allowed to enter the testing environment, assist during test sessions, and administer or proctor an examination. Primary responsibility for test administration must only be given to licensed Nevada educators employed by the school or district.