

2026-27 Final 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.

SECONDARY (7-12)			
TEST	DATES	TYPE	GRADES
ELA Screener: Secondary (STAR Reading Assessment)	August 17 - September 4 (Universal Screener for Reading)	Beginning (Fall)	7-11 including honors students 12 EL Students
ELA Benchmark: Secondary (STAR Reading Assessment)	January 4 - January 22 (ELA Benchmark, 1st SGP results)	Middle (Winter)	7-11 including honors students 12 EL Students
ELA Benchmark: Secondary (STAR Reading Assessment)	May 3 - May 21 (ELA Benchmark, 2nd SGP result)	End (Spring)	7-11 including honors students 12 EL Students
Math Formative Assessment (Focused Interim Assessment Block)	Grade 7, 8, Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II including Accelerated/Honors Interim Assessment Schedule	Organized by Grade Level/Content and by both	Grades 7-12
Read 180			
	August 17 - September 4 (First three weeks)	Reading Inventory #1 Getting Started Workshop/Assessment/Grouping	
	November 30 - December 17 (2 weeks)	Reading Inventory #2	
	March 8 - March 19 (2 weeks)	Reading Inventory #3	
	May 17 - May 28 (1 1/2 weeks)	Reading Inventory #4	
Secondary District Benchmarks			
Mathematics		Illustrative Unit Assessments	Math 7 -- Alg II
History/Social Science		Argumentative Writing Benchmark Assessments	7-8, World History, US History, Gov/Econ (10-12)
Year-Long Classes	September 21 - October 16	Beginning (Fall)	7-8, World History (10), US History (11)
Year-Long Classes	January 18 - February 12	Middle (Winter)	7-8, World History (10), US History (11)
Year-Long Classes	April 12 - May 7	End (Spring)	7-8, World History (10), US History (11)
Semester Classes	September 21 - October 16	Fall Semester	Gov/Econ (12)
Semester Classes	March 1 - March 26	Spring Semester	Gov/Econ (12)
Science		Open Sci Ed Unit Assessments	7-8; Biology, Chemistry, Physics
College Readiness			
PSAT/NMSQT	October 2027 Window		10-11
PSAT 10	March 1 - April 16, 2027 Window		10
SAT	Aug 22, Sep 12, Oct 3, Nov 07, Dec 5, Mar 13, May 1, June 5	Fall, Spring	10-12
IB	April 26 - May 19, 2026		10-12
AP	May 3 - May 14, 2026		9-12
STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS			
TEST	DATES	TYPE	GRADES
ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessments for California)	July 20, 2026 - May 14, 2027	Initial Computer-based	7-12 ELs
	October 12, 2026 - May 28, 2027	Initial Alternate ELPAC	7-12 ELs
	February 1, 2026 - May 28, 2027	Alternate Summative ELPAC	7-12 ELs
	February 1, 2026 - May 28, 2027	Annual Summative Computer-based	7-12 ELs
CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) and the California Interim Comprehensive Assessment			
Smarter Balanced (ELA and Math)	March 15 – May 28 (ECHS: March 8 - May 28)	Computer Adaptive Test	3-8, 11
Interim Comprehensive Assessment	March 15 – May 28 ICA		
English Language Arts and Mathematics	Grades 9-10 (ICA) Includes Performance Task	Spring (alongside grade 11 CAASPP)	9 and 10
	March 15 – May 28 (ECHS: March 8 - May 28)	Computer-based Test	3-8, 11
California Spanish Assessment (CSA)	March 8 – May 28	Computer-based Test	7-10
Ensign MS and Newport Harbor HS			
CA Science Test (CAST and CAA)	March 15 – May 28 (ECHS: March 8- May 28) Sept. 21 – May 28 (CAA for Science)	Computer-based Test	5, 8, 11 (plus any 12 graders who haven't taken the Science test)
PFT (Physical Fitness Test)	February 1 - May 14, 2027		5, 7, 9

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