

Final 2026-27 ELEMENTARY DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS

REQUIRED ASSESSMENT	GR.	DATES	NOTES
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS			
Building Blocks of Learning <i>Early literacy, math skills, fine motor skills</i>	TK	BBL August BBL October BBL February BBL May	Beginning 1st Trimester 2nd Trimester 3rd Trimester
Reading Foundational Skills mClass/DIBELS K-2 all measures, 3-6 Maze (ORF as needed)	K - 6	Aug 24-Sep 11 Jan 11-29 May 10-28	Beginning-of-Year (BOY) Middle-of-Year (MOY) End-of-Year (EOY)
ELA Benchmark STAR Reading* <i>*make up testing available 2 weeks after the window</i>	2 - 6	Aug 24-28 October 12-16 Jan 11-15 May 17-21	Beginning-of-Year (Entry) Middle-of-Year (Fall) Middle-of-Year (Winter) End-of-Year (Spring)
District Writing Benchmarks <i>*Illuminate entry on last date of window.</i>	K-6	Sept 28- Oct 8 Benchmark #1 Nov 30-Dec 11 Benchmark #2 Feb 22-Mar 5 Benchmark #3	See DFA
Interim Assessment CAASPP ELA FIABs <i>*Standardized*</i>	3 - 6	Jan 19-29	Listen/Interpret Research: Use Evidence Language & Vocabulary Use
Curriculum-Based Assessments Wonders Assessments	3 - 6	Grades 2: Units 4-6 only Grades 3-6: One assessment per unit* Please see Literacy Pacing on the NMUSD Classlink Huddle for more information	<i>*Entry not required</i> <i>*Entry not required</i> <i>*Look for "Administer Assessment" link on the Literacy Pacing</i>
English Language Development (ELD)			
Curriculum-Based Assessments Wonders ELD Unit Assessment	K-6	Trimester 1: Oct. 5-16 Trimester 2: Feb. 22 - Mar. 5 Trimester 3: May 3-14	Recommended to be used as data for the ELD section of report card. Administer the unit assessment for the most recently completed Wonders unit.
MATHEMATICS			
Math Benchmark STAR Math* <i>*make up testing available 2 weeks after the window</i>	2 - 6	Aug 24-28 October 12-16 Jan 11-15 May 17-21	Beginning-of-Year (Entry) Middle-of-Year (Fall) Middle-of-Year (Winter) End-of-Year (Spring)
Interim Assessments CAASPP Math IABs/ FIABs <i>*Standardized*</i>	3-6	Assigned per unit in Illustrative Math Please see the NMUSD Classlink Huddle for more information	Per unit
Curriculum-Based Assessments Illustrative Math Assessments	K-6	K-6: Unit Assessments and Checkpoints Please see the NMUSD Classlink Huddle for more information	Unit assessments 1-7 entered into Illuminate
ELEMENTARY STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS			
ASSESSMENT	GR.	DATES	NOTES
Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)	3	January 4 - January 29, 2027	Computer-based Annual
English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)	K-6 ELs K-6 ELs K-6 ELs K-6 ELs	July 20, 2026 - May 14, 2027 October 12, 2026 - May 28, 2027 February 1, 2026 - May 28, 2027 February 1, 2026 - May 28, 2027	Initial Computer-based Year round Initial Alternate ELPAC Year round Summative Alternate ELPAC Spring - Annual Annual Summative Computer-based Spring - Annual K-2 writing on paper/pencil K-2 writing on paper/pencil
CAASPP (CA Assessment of Student Performance and Progress)			
Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) ELA and Math	3-6	April 26-May 14	Computer Adaptive Test <i>*make up testing complete by May 28</i>
California Alternate Assessment (CAA) ELA and math	3-6	March 15 – May 28	Computer-based Test
California Spanish Assessment (CSA) Whittier Elementary only	3-6	March 15 – May 28	Computer-based Test
CA Science Test (CAST and CAA)	5	March 8 – May 28 (CAST) Sept 21 – May 29 (CAA for Sci)	Computer-based Test
Physical Fitness Test (PFT)	5	February 1 - May 14	
California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS)	5	February 24 - April 3	
Trimester Dates		Tri 1: 8/17-10/16	Tri 2: 10/19-3/5 Tri 3: 3/8-6/3