

DPSCD 2026 - 2027



ASSESSMENT CALENDAR



Purpose

This assessment calendar outlines all required national, state, and District assessments for the upcoming, 2026–2027 school year. We have continued to structure and consistently align our administration dates across both state and District assessments to minimize disruptions to instruction and improve overall assessment data quality, comparability, and use.

Because national and state assessment requirements may change throughout the year, this calendar will be updated as needed.

Important Features

Streamlined District Assessment Windows

Beginning-of-Year (BOY), Middle-of-Year (MOY), and End-of-Year (EOY) District assessment windows have been shortened to two weeks, with one targeted testing date for each subject. This change allows schools to complete most testing within the first week and return students to regular classroom learning more quickly, maximizing valuable instructional time.

Adjustment to Middle-of-Year Science and Social Studies Assessments

The Middle-of-Year (MOY) Science and Social Studies District benchmark window has been moved to January. This change reduces the number of assessments administered to students in grades 5 and 8 during December and helps create a more balanced testing schedule throughout the school year.

Expanded End-of-Course Assessment Window for Grade 12

The early May End-of-Course (EOC) assessment window for grade 12 has been extended to two weeks. The additional flexibility helps schools schedule EOC assessments while supporting students' participation in Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and end-of-year exams.

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ASSESSMENT	WINDOW	CONTENT AREA / TARGETED DATES	MAKEUP DATES
BOY DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS			
BOY i-Ready (K – 8) BOY District Benchmarks (5, 8) End of Course Assessments (9 – 12) Alternate Assessment Benchmarks	September 8 – 18, 2026	Reading: September 8 Science: September 9 Math: September 10 Social Studies: September 11	Makeup Week: September 14 – 18
PSAT (8/9) NMSQT (10, 11)	October 19 – 23, 2026	October 19 – 22	Makeup Day: October 23
HSPT (8)	November 9 – 17, 2026	November 10 – 13	Makeup Days: November 16 – 17
MOY DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS			
MOY i-Ready (K – 8) Alternate Assessment Benchmarks	December 7 – December 18, 2026	Reading: December 8 Math: December 10	Makeup Week: December 14 – 18
End of Course Assessments (Civics and Econ only) End of Course Assessments (All) MOY District Benchmarks (5, 8)	January 11 – 15, 2027 January 19 – 29, 2027 January 11 – 22, 2027	Civics/Econ only: January 11 – 14 EOC (All): January 19 – 22 Science (DB): January 12 Social Studies (DB): January 14	EOC Civics and Econ Makeup Day: January 15 EOC Makeup Week: January 25 – 29 District Benchmarks Makeup Days: January 19 – 22
STATE SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS			
WIDA Access & Alt Access	January 25 – April 2, 2027		
PSAT 8/9 (8, 9) PSAT 10 (10) SAT (11)	April 13– 14, 2027		Makeup Days: April 19 – 23
WIN Work Readiness (11)	April 15 – 16, 2027		Makeup Days: April 19 – 23
M-STEP Reading and Math (3 – 7) M-STEP Science and Social Studies (5, 8, 11)	April 19 – May 14, 2027	Science: April 20 – 21 Social Studies: April 27 – 28 Reading: May 4 – 5 Math: May 11 – 12	Makeup Days: April 22 – 23 Makeup Days: April 29 – 30 Makeup Days: May 6 – 7 Makeup Days: May 13 – 14
MI-Access (3-8 & 11)	April 5 – May 21, 2027		Makeup Days: May 17 – 21
EOY DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS			
International Baccalaureate Exams	April 23 – May 18, 2027		
Advanced Placement Exams	May 3 – 14, 2027		Late Testing Window: May 17 – 21
End-of-Course Assessments (12)	May 3 – 14, 2027	EOC (All): May 3 – 7	Makeup Week: May 10 – 14
EOY i-Ready (K-8) End-of-Course Assessments (9 – 11) Alternate Assessment Benchmarks	May 17 – May 28, 2027	Reading: May 18 Science: May 19 Math: May 20 Social Studies: May 21	Makeup Week: May 24 – 28

Note: The district may be selected to participate in the NAEP during the 2026–2027 school year (January – March). If selected, participating schools will receive additional guidance and testing schedules from Assessments and Performance Management.



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