VUSD Balanced Assessment System

7-8 Assessment Calendar

7th through 8th Grade

KEY: SCREENER CFA BENCHMARK SUMMATIVE

ONGOING / YEAR-ROUND

Common Formative Assessments (CFAs) are short, site-created checks developed through backward mapping to measure progress on priority standards, given throughout each unit of instruction — not tied to a single date.

Math 7H benchmark dates were still being finalized as of this calendar's last update.

Month	What's Happening
August	SCREENER **7th** — iReady (Language Arts) BOY (Aug 17-28) SCREENER **7th** — NWEA MAP (Read 180 & LA) BOY (Aug 13-28) SCREENER **7th** — Amplify Math mClass BOY (Aug 17-28) SCREENER **8th** — iReady (Language Arts) BOY (Aug 17-28) SCREENER **8th** — NWEA MAP (Read 180 & LA) BOY (Aug 13-28) SCREENER **8th** — Amplify Math mClass BOY (Aug 17-28)
September	BENCHMARK **7th** — Math 7 Unit 1: Test Sept 11 / Score Sept 18 BENCHMARK **7th** — English 7 Benchmark 1 (Sept 24-Oct 2) BENCHMARK **7th** — History 7 Benchmark 1 (Sept 21-Oct 6) BENCHMARK **8th** — Math 8 Unit 1: Test Sept 11 / Score Sept 18 BENCHMARK **8th** — Math 8 Unit 2: Test Sept 25 / Score Oct 2 BENCHMARK **8th** — English 8 Benchmark 1 (Sept 28-Oct 6) BENCHMARK **8th** — Math I (Algebra) Benchmark 1 (Sept 16-30) BENCHMARK **8th** — History 8 Benchmark 1 (Sept 21-Oct 6)
October	BENCHMARK **7th** — Math 7 Unit 2: Test Oct 9 / Score Oct 20 BENCHMARK **7th** — Math 7 Unit 3: Test Oct 30 / Score Nov 6 BENCHMARK **8th** — Math 8 Unit 3: Test Oct 23 / Score Oct 30 BENCHMARK **8th** — Math I (Algebra) Benchmark 2 (Oct 28-Nov 13)
November	SCREENER **7th** — NWEA MAP MOY (Nov 9-16) BENCHMARK **7th** — English 7 Benchmark 2 (Nov 4-13) BENCHMARK **7th** — History 7 Benchmark 2 (Nov 16-Dec 1) SCREENER **8th** — NWEA MAP MOY (Nov 9-16) BENCHMARK **8th** — English 8 Benchmark 2 (Nov 2-10) BENCHMARK **8th** — History 8 Benchmark 2 (Nov 2-10)
December	SCREENER **7th** — iReady (Language Arts) MOY window opens (Dec 7-Jan 15) SCREENER **7th** — Amplify Math mClass MOY (Dec 7-18) BENCHMARK **7th** — Math 7 Unit 4: Test Dec 11 / Score Dec 18 BENCHMARK **7th** — English 7 Final 1 (Dec 14-18) BENCHMARK **7th** — History 7 Final 1 (Dec 14-18) SCREENER **8th** — iReady (Language Arts) MOY window opens (Dec 7-Jan 15) SCREENER **8th** — Amplify Math mClass MOY (Dec 7-18) BENCHMARK **8th** — Math 8 Unit 4: Test Dec 11 / Score Dec 18 BENCHMARK **8th** — English 8 Final 1 (Dec 14-18) BENCHMARK **8th** — Math I (Algebra) Final 1 (Dec 7-18)

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	BENCHMARK **8th** — History 8 Final 1 (Dec 14-18)
January	*No scheduled assessments*
February	BENCHMARK **7th** — Math 7 Unit 5: Test Feb 12 / Score Feb 19 BENCHMARK **7th** — English 7 Benchmark 3 / Performance Task (Feb 1-12, scoring due Feb 23) BENCHMARK **7th** — English 7 Benchmark 4 - Optional (Feb 16-Apr 2) SUMMATIVE **7th** — ELPAC testing window opens (Feb 1, 2027-May 28) SUMMATIVE **7th** — CA Physical Fitness Test window opens (Feb 1, 2027-Apr 30) BENCHMARK **8th** — Math 8 Unit 5: Test Feb 5 / Score Feb 12 BENCHMARK **8th** — Math 8 Unit 6: Test Feb 26 / Score Mar 3 BENCHMARK **8th** — English 8 Benchmark 3 / Performance Task (Feb 22-Mar 5, scoring due Mar 16) BENCHMARK **8th** — Math I (Algebra) Benchmark 3 (Feb 11-26) SUMMATIVE **8th** — ELPAC testing window opens (Feb 1, 2027-May 28)
March	SCREENER **7th** — iReady (Language Arts) FOY (Mar 1-15) SCREENER **7th** — NWEA MAP FOY (Mar 1-15) BENCHMARK **7th** — Math 7 Unit 6: Test Mar 19 / Score Apr 2 BENCHMARK **7th** — History 7 Benchmark 3 (Mar 1-9) SCREENER **8th** — iReady (Language Arts) FOY (Mar 1-15) SCREENER **8th** — NWEA MAP FOY (Mar 1-15) BENCHMARK **8th** — Math 8 Unit 7: Test Mar 19 / Score Apr 2 BENCHMARK **8th** — English 8 Benchmark 4 - Optional (Mar 8-Apr 23) BENCHMARK **8th** — History 8 Benchmark 3 (Mar 1-9)
April	BENCHMARK **7th** — Math 7 Unit 7: Test Apr 16 / Score Apr 23 BENCHMARK **7th** — History 7 Benchmark 4 (Apr 19-27) SUMMATIVE **7th** — Smarter Balanced Summative ELA - Apr 19, 2027-May 28 SUMMATIVE **7th** — Smarter Balanced Summative MATH - Apr 19, 2027-May 28 BENCHMARK **8th** — Math 8 Unit 8: Test Apr 23 (Optional) BENCHMARK **8th** — Math I (Algebra) Benchmark 4 (Mar 30-Apr 7) BENCHMARK **8th** — History 8 Benchmark 4 (Apr 12-20) SUMMATIVE **8th** — Smarter Balanced Summative ELA - Apr 19, 2027 SUMMATIVE **8th** — Smarter Balanced Summative MATH - Apr 19, 2027 SUMMATIVE **8th** — CA Science Test - Apr 19, 2027
May	SCREENER **7th** — Amplify Math mClass EOY (May 18-June 4) BENCHMARK **7th** — Math 7 Unit 8: Test May 21 / Score May 28 BENCHMARK **7th** — English 7 Final 2 (May 27-June 4) BENCHMARK **7th** — History 7 Final 2 (May 27-June 4) SCREENER **8th** — Amplify Math mClass EOY (May 18-June 4) BENCHMARK **8th** — Math I (Algebra) Benchmark 5 (Apr 28-May 12) BENCHMARK **8th** — Math I (Algebra) Final 2 (May 24-June 4) BENCHMARK **8th** — English 8 Final 2 (May 27-June 4) BENCHMARK **8th** — History 8 Final 2 (May 27-June 4)
June	*No scheduled assessments*