



WA State Testing Schedule 2026-27

Test Title (Subject and grade level)	Purpose and source of accountability requirement	Testing window and timeline for test results
Smarter Balanced Assessment Spring: 3-8 and 10th grade 11-12th grade testing for pathway to demonstrating post-secondary career/college readines	Required for Federal Accountability 11-12th grade testing: Available to students who have not yet passed the ELA and/or math assessment and want to use it as a pathway to demonstrate post-secondary career or college readiness or who previously tested and would like to attempt a higher score.	Tests are not timed, so students can do their best and take breaks as needed. Online Spring State Testing Window: March 1 – June 25, 2027 , Test results are sent to parents in September the following school year.
Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS) Spring: Science-Grades 5, 8, 11	Required for Federal Accountability	Online Spring State Testing Window: April 5 – June 4, 2027
WA-AIM ELA, Math and Science-grades 3-8, 10, 11	The WA-AIM ELA and Math are required for federal and state accountability for eligible students.	State Testing Window: January 25- April 30, 2027 **The WA-AIM testing window closes at exactly 5 pm on April 30, 2027, with no exceptions.
OSPI-Developed Assessments Assessed in the Elementary, Middle and High school grade bands Social Studies The Arts Health and PE Educational Tech	Washington state developed classroom-based assessments that are based on the state's learning standards to help guide day-to-day instruction. State curriculum specialists create tasks and questions that model good assessments and provide them to local school districts	For each school year, school districts are required to report their implementation of assessments no later than June 30, 2027 . Teachers communicate assessment scores as assessments are completed.
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) (Reading and Math-grades 4,8)	Required by Federal Law	NAEP selects schools by a stratified random sampling procedure; students in those schools are selected randomly. Individual score reports will not be provided to families.
WIDA Annual/Alternate Access Grades K-12	Required by the State of Washington for English Language Proficiency	Online State Testing Window: January 25- March 19, 2027
WaKIDS-Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (Kindergarten)	Required by the State of Washington- WaKIDS isn't a test. TK and Kindergarten teachers observe children during everyday classroom activities	By November 15, 2026 , teachers take an inventory of each child's developing skills in six areas: Social Emotional, Physical, Cognitive, Language, Literacy and Math

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