



PENNSAUKEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2026–2027 DISTRICT ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

Pennsauken Public Schools administers a variety of local and state assessments throughout the school year to monitor student learning, guide instructional decisions, and meet state and federal accountability requirements. Testing windows may be adjusted by the New Jersey Department of Education or the district as needed.

ASSESSMENT	GRADE(S)	PURPOSE	TESTING WINDOW
Kindergarten Entry Assessment (Teaching Strategies GOLD)	Kindergarten	Measures school readiness and informs instruction.	Round 1: Aug. 31 – Oct. 16, 2026
CogAT	Incoming Kindergarten & New-to-District Students; Select Grades in Spring	Universal screener for gifted identification.	Fall: Sept. 8–18, 2026 Spring: May 24–27, 2027
AIMSweb Literacy Screener	All K-3 Students	NJDOE Mandated Literacy Screener	BOY: Sept. 28–Oct. 30, 2026 MOY: Jan. 11–Feb. 5, 2027 EOY: May 3–28, 2027
LinkIt! Benchmark Assessments	Grades 3–12	District benchmark assessments measuring progress toward grade-level standards.	BM A: Oct. 5–9, 2026 S1 Benchmark C (6–12): Dec. 14–18, 2026 BM B: Jan. 11–15, 2027 S2 Benchmark A (6–12): Feb. 1–5, 2027 BM C: Mar. 15–19, 2027
NJGPA / NJGPA-A	Eligible Grades 11–12	State graduation proficiency assessments.	Fall: Oct. 13–28, 2026 Spring: Mar. 8–19, 2027 Summer: July 19–Aug. 3, 2027
NJSLA-A (Fall Block)	Eligible High School Students	Alternate assessment for fall semester courses.	Dec. 7–16, 2026
Seal of Biliteracy	Eligible High School Students	Recognizes proficiency in English and another language.	Opens: Jan. 4, 2027 Senior Testing & Retake Deadline: Feb. 17, 2027
ASVAB	Grades 9-12	Career exploration assessment that helps students identify interests, strengths, and potential career pathways.	Jan. 9 & Apr. 29, 2027
ACCESS for ELLs (WIDA)	Multilingual Learners	Annual assessment of English language proficiency.	Testing Window: Feb. 1 – Mar. 25, 2027
ACCUPLACER	Grade 12	College readiness and placement assessment used to determine preparedness for credit-bearing college coursework.	February 5, 2027
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	Eligible Students	Alternate statewide assessment.	Instructionally Embedded: Sept. 14 – Dec. 23, 2026 Spring: Apr. 5 – May 28, 2027
NJSLA-Science	Grades 5, 8 & 11	State Science assessment.	May 10–11, 2027
NJSLA-A (Spring)	Eligible Students	State ELA, Writing, Math assessment.	ELA: May 12 Writing: May 13 Math: May 14 Make-ups: May 17–21
AP Exams	High School	College Board AP assessments.	May 3–14, 2027

For more information about state assessments, visit www.nj.gov/education/assessment.

*Dates are subject to change. Families will receive additional information from their child's school prior to each assessment administration.

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