

2026–2027 Assessment Calendar

GRADES PreK–8

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Grade	Assessment	Subjects	Window
DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS			
Get Ready to Read – Early Literacy Screener			
ELP	Winter GRTR #1	Early Literacy Skills	October 19–30
ELP	Spring GRTR #2	Early Literacy Skills	May 17–28
ELP	Spring GRTR Testing – Screener for Enrollment	Early Literacy Skills	April 12–23
Preschool Early Numeracy Screener			
ELP	Winter PENS #1	Early Numeracy Skills	October 19–30
ELP	Spring PENS #2	Early Numeracy Skills	May 17–28
ELP	Spring PENS Testing – Screener for Enrollment	Early Numeracy Skills	April 12–23
AMPLIFY DIBELS			
K–3	Fall DIBELS (MAZE only for Grade 2 & 3)	Reading/Literacy	August 28–September 25, 2026
K–3	Winter DIBELS (MAZE only for Grade 2 & 3)	Reading/Literacy	January 4–22, 2027
K–3	Spring DIBELS (MAZE only for Grade 2 & 3)	Reading/Literacy	May 3–21, 2027
AMPLIFY mClass Math			
K–3	Fall mClass	Math	September 8–25, 2026
K–3	Winter mClass	Math	January 4–22, 2027
K–3	Spring mClass	Math	May 3–21, 2027
NWEA MAPs			2 –3 Week Window
4–7	Fall MAP Growth	Math & ELA	September 8–25, 2026
4–7	Spring MAP Growth	Math & ELA	May 3–21, 2027
PAX			
K–8	Fall PAX Fidelity Self-Assessment	SEL	September 29–October 14, 2026
K–8	Spring PAX Fidelity Self-Assessment	SEL	March 1–19, 2027
K–8	PAX Evaluation Tool (PET)		
Early Identification Screener (EIS) and Climate Survey			
K–8	Fall Teacher Early Identification Screener (EIS)	Behavioral & SEL	October 19–30, 2026
3–8	Fall Student Early Identification Screener (EIS) & Climate Survey	Behavioral & SEL	October 19–30, 2026
K–8	Spring Teacher Early Identification Screener (EIS)	Behavioral & SEL	February 22 – March 5, 2027
3–8	Spring Student Early Identification Screener (EIS) & Climate Survey	Behavioral & SEL	February 22 – March 5, 2027
STATE ASSESSMENTS			
Montana Aligned to Standards Through–Year (MAST)			
3–8	Testlet Window #1	Math and ELA	October 19 – December 11, 2026
3–8	Testlet Window #2	Math and ELA	January 11 – March 5, 2027
3–8	Testlet Window #3	Math and ELA	March 29 – May 21, 2027
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Alternate Math and ELA			
3–8	Fall Window	Math and ELA	September 14 – December 18, 2026
3–8	Spring Window	Math and ELA	February 1 – May 21, 2027
Montana Science Assessment (MSA)			
5th & 8th	MT Science Assessment	Science	March 1 – May 19, 2027
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Alternate Science			
5th & 8th	Spring Window	Science	February 1 – May 21, 2027
WIDA Screener and WIDA ACCESS – English Learners/Multilingual Learners Testing			
K–8	WIDA Screener	English Language Proficiency	for newly enrolled students
Grades K–8	WIDA ACCESS	English Language Proficiency	January 4 – March 5, 2027
Grades 1–8	Alt ACCESS	English Language Proficiency	January 4 – March 5, 2027
NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS			
National Assessment Educational Progress (NAEP)			
4	NAEP Testing	Math, Reading & sometimes Science	N/A (every other year)
8	NAEP Testing	Math, Reading & sometimes Science	N/A (every other year)