



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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2026-2027 FAMILY GUIDE TO STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS

This guide provides families with the key information required for State and district standardized assessments: who participates, what is assessed, when testing occurs, approximate testing time, how results are shared, and where accommodations and family resources are available.

How to use this guide: Find your child's grade or eligibility group below. Testing windows identify when an assessment may be administered; they do not represent the number of days an individual student will test.

DISTRICT & K-5 ASSESSMENTS

Kindergarten Entry Assessment (Teaching Strategies GOLD)

Kindergarten | School readiness / development | State (PEA) / Local

WHEN	Aug. 31-Oct. 16, 2026
TIME	Ongoing observation; no separate timed test.
RESULTS & RESOURCES	Results are shared by the teacher/school. This is a developmentally appropriate, observation-based assessment; supports are embedded in normal instruction.

CogAT

Incoming Kindergarten, new-to-district students, and select grades in spring | Cognitive abilities | Local

WHEN	Fall: Sept. 8-18, 2026 Spring: May 24-27, 2027
TIME	Kindergarten: approximately 112 minutes total working time and untimed; older levels vary by level.
RESULTS & RESOURCES	Results are shared by the school. Riverside Insights resources are available; accommodations follow vendor guidance and applicable student plans.

aimswebPlus Literacy & Math Universal Screeners

Grades K-5 | Literacy & Math | Literacy K-3: State; Literacy 4-5 & Math K-5: Local

WHEN	BOY: Sept. 28-Oct. 30, 2026 MOY: Jan. 11-Feb. 5, 2027 EOY: May 3-27, 2027
TIME	Varies by grade/measure. Most individual measures are brief (about 1-15 minutes). Grades 2-5 may use a 45-60 minute class block per content area.
RESULTS & RESOURCES	Results are shared following each screening window. Pearson aimswebPlus resources and allowable accommodations apply.

LinkIt! Benchmark Assessments

Grades 3-12 | ELA, Math, Science | Local

WHEN	BM A: Oct. 5-9 S1 C (6-12): Dec. 14-18 BM B: Jan. 11-15 S2 A (6-12): Feb. 1-5 BM C: Mar. 15-19
TIME	Approximately 45-60 minutes per benchmark/content area.
RESULTS & RESOURCES	Results follow each benchmark. District common assessments are delivered through LinkIt; accommodations are provided according to applicable student plans.

STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS — FALL & WINTER

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) — Instructionally Embedded

Eligible students: ELA/Math 3-8 & 11; Science 5, 8 & 11 | State / Federal

WHEN	Sept. 14-Dec. 23, 2026
TIME	Typically 10-15 minutes per testlet.
RESULTS & RESOURCES	Results follow State reporting. Families receive reports within 30 days of district receipt. DLM accessibility manual and sample testlets are available.

NJGPA-Adaptive — Fall

Eligible Grades 11-12 | ELA & Math | State / Federal

WHEN	Pennsauken: Oct. 19-22, 2026 State window: Oct. 13-28
TIME	ELA Reading: 150 min ELA Writing: 90 min Math: 150 min
RESULTS & RESOURCES	State digital reports: Dec. 9, 2026; families receive reports within 30 days of district receipt. NJ Assessments Portal provides accommodations/accessibility, practice items, and Family Portal resources.

NJSLA-Adaptive — Fall Block

ELA: Grade 9 | Math: Grades 9-12 completing Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II in fall | State / Federal

WHEN	Pennsauken: Dec. 7-16, 2026 State window: Nov. 30-Dec. 16
TIME	ELA Reading: 150 min ELA Writing: 90 min Math: 150 min
RESULTS & RESOURCES	State digital reports: Jan. 20, 2027; families receive reports within 30 days of district receipt. NJ Assessments Portal provides accommodations/accessibility and practice items.

WIDA ACCESS / Alternate ACCESS

Multilingual Learners K-12 | English language proficiency | State / Federal

WHEN	Pennsauken: Feb. 1-Mar. 25, 2027 State window: Feb. 1-Apr. 2
TIME	Untimed; varies by grade and language domain.
RESULTS & RESOURCES	District reports expected June 17, 2027. WIDA provides accessibility/accommodations guidance, practice/sample items, and multilingual family resources.

NJGPA-Adaptive — Spring

Grades 11-12 as applicable | ELA & Math | State / Federal

WHEN	Pennsauken: Mar. 8-19, 2027 State window: Mar. 1-19
TIME	ELA Reading: 150 min ELA Writing: 90 min Math: 150 min
RESULTS & RESOURCES	State digital reports: Apr. 23, 2027; families receive reports within 30 days of district receipt. NJ Assessments Portal provides family and practice resources.

STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS — SPRING & SUMMER

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) — Year End

Eligible students: ELA/Math 3-8 & 11; Science 5, 8 & 11 | State / Federal

WHEN	Apr. 5-May 28, 2027
TIME	Typically 10-15 minutes per testlet.
RESULTS & RESOURCES	Results follow State reporting. DLM accessibility manual and sample testlets are available.

NJSLA-Adaptive — Spring

ELA: Grades 3-9 | Math: Grade 3 through high school as required | State / Federal

WHEN	Pennsauken: Reading May 12 Writing May 13 Math May 14 Make-ups May 17-21 State window: Apr. 19-May 21
TIME	ELA Reading: 150 min ELA Writing: 90 min Math: 150 min
RESULTS & RESOURCES	State digital reports: June 30, 2027; families receive reports within 30 days of district receipt. NJ Assessments Portal provides accommodations/accessibility and practice items.

NJSLA-Science

Grades 5, 8 & 11 | Science | State / Federal

WHEN	Pennsauken: May 10-11, 2027 State window: Apr. 19-May 21
TIME	Grades 5 & 8: 180 min total Grade 11: 240 min total
RESULTS & RESOURCES	Results follow State reporting. NJ Assessments Portal provides the NJSLA-S manual, practice tests, and family information guide.

NJGPA-Adaptive — Summer

Select Grades 11-12 | ELA & Math | State / Federal

WHEN	July 19-Aug. 3, 2027
TIME	ELA Reading: 150 min ELA Writing: 90 min Math: 150 min
RESULTS & RESOURCES	Results follow State reporting. NJ Assessments Portal provides accommodations/accessibility, practice items, and Family Portal resources.

ADDITIONAL COLLEGE, CAREER & PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS

ASVAB Career Exploration Program

Grades 9-12 | Career exploration / aptitude | Local / Optional

WHEN	Jan. 9 & Apr. 29, 2027
TIME	Plan for approximately 3 hours.
RESULTS & RESOURCES	Results are typically available within about two weeks. Official ASVAB sample questions and career exploration resources are available.

ACCUPLACER

Grade 12 | Reading / Writing / Math placement | Local

WHEN	Feb. 5, 2027
TIME	Generally untimed.
RESULTS & RESOURCES	Results are available after testing/school guidance. College Board provides sample questions, free practice, and accommodations information.

AP Exams

Students enrolled in AP courses | AP course subject areas | College Board / Course-based

WHEN	May 3-14, 2027 Late testing: May 17-21
TIME	Varies by exam.
RESULTS & RESOURCES	Scores are available in July 2027 through the student's College Board account. College Board provides exam information, AP Classroom resources, and approved SSD accommodations.

FAMILY RESOURCES

Use these official resources for assessment information, sample items, accessibility/accommodations, and score information.

NJDOE State Assessments

www.nj.gov/education/assessment

NJDOE Universal Literacy Screening

www.nj.gov/education/lear/uni-screening.shtml

Pearson aimswebPlus

www.pearsonassessments.com

Riverside Insights CogAT

onlinehelp.riversideinsights.com

WIDA ACCESS

wida.wisc.edu/assess/access

College Board ACCUPLACER

accuplacer.collegeboard.org

College Board AP Exams

apcentral.collegeboard.org

Official ASVAB

www.officialasvab.com

Accommodations & accessibility: Students receive accommodations and accessibility features in accordance with the requirements of the applicable assessment program and, when appropriate, their IEP or Section 504 Plan.

Results: For State assessments, Pennsauken will provide Individual Student Reports to families within 30 days of receiving final reports from NJDOE. For district assessments, results are communicated through the school or applicable district reporting process.

Dates: Dates are subject to change based on NJDOE or district guidance. Schools will communicate specific testing schedules when needed.