Lakewood Local Schools

2026–2027 Assessment and Testing Transparency Plan

Purpose

Lakewood Local Schools administers a variety of state-required and locally selected assessments throughout the school year. These assessments provide information about student achievement, academic growth, instructional needs, and progress toward Ohio's Learning Standards.

In accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Section 1112(e)(2), Lakewood Local Schools provides parents and the public with information regarding assessments administered to students. This information identifies the subject matter assessed, the purpose of each assessment, the source of the assessment requirement, and, when available, the approximate testing time, testing schedule, and manner in which results are reported.

Lakewood Local Schools uses assessment results as one source of information to inform instruction, identify students who may need additional academic support, monitor student progress, and evaluate the effectiveness of instructional programs.

2026–2027 District Assessment Inventory

Assessment	Grade(s)	Subject	Purpose	Requirement	Approximate Timing/Window	Results
mCLASS DIBELS	K–5	Early Literacy/Reading	Universal screening and progress monitoring to identify students who may need reading support and to monitor reading	District-selected assessment; supports state literacy requirements	Administered in Sept., Jan., and May; 5-10 minutes	Results are provided to teachers and used to inform instruction, intervention, and progress monitoring.

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STAR Reading	K-5	Reading/ELA	Screening, benchmarking, and monitoring student reading achievement and growth	District-selected assessment	Administered in Sept., Jan., and May; 20-30 minutes	Results are available to teachers and administrators and used to inform instruction and intervention.
STAR Math	K-5	Mathematics	Screening, benchmarking, and monitoring student mathematics achievement and growth	District-selected assessment; supports state Math requirements	Administered in Sept., Jan., and May; 20-30 minutes	Results are available to teachers and administrators and used to inform instruction and intervention.
Ohio's State Tests (OST)	Grades 3–8	ELA and Mathematics	Measures student achievement of Ohio's Learning Standards and provides statewide accountability information	Required by Ohio and federal law	Ohio established testing windows Oct. (3rd ELA), Mar.-May (All); 2.5 hours per assessment	Individual student results are provided to families and educators; aggregate results are reported through Ohio's accountability system.
Ohio's State Tests (OST)	Grades 5 & 8	Science	Measures student achievement of Ohio's Learning Standards in science	Required by Ohio and federal law	Ohio-established testing window Apr.-May; 2.5 hours per assessment	Individual student results are provided to families and educators; aggregate results are reported through Ohio's

						accountability system.
Ohio End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments	High School, applicable courses	ELA II, Algebra, Geometry, Biology, American History, American Government	Measures achievement in designated high school courses and fulfills Ohio testing requirements	Required by Ohio law for applicable courses/students	Ohio-established fall (Dec.-Jan.) and spring (Mar.-May) testing windows; 2.5 hours per assessment	Individual results are provided to students/families and educators; applicable results contribute to Ohio accountability and graduation requirements.
Ohio's Readiness Assessments	Grades 4 & 6	Social Studies	Measures student achievement of Ohio's Learning Standards in social studies	District-selected assessment; supports Ohio assessment requirement	Administered in Oct. & Feb.; 1.25 hours	Results are provided to educators and used to inform instruction and identify student needs.
Iowa Assessments – Science & Social Studies	Grade 5	Science & Social Studies	Measures student achievement in science and provides information regarding student academic performance	District-selected assessment; supports Ohio gifted assessment requirement	District-designated testing window (Nov.); 35 minutes per assessment	Individual results are provided to educators and parents and are used to identify students who are gifted in Science and Social Studies.
InView	Grades 2 and 5	Cognitive Abilities/Reasoning	Provides info. regarding students' cognitive abilities and reasoning	District-selected assessment; supports Ohio gifted assessment requirement	District-designated testing window (Nov.); 1.75 hours for 2nd grade and 2.5 hours for 5th grade	Individual results are provided to educators and parents and are used to identify

			skills and is used in identification and instructional decision-making processes			students who are gifted in Superior Cognitive abilities.
PSAT/ NMSQT	Grades 10 & 11	Reading, Writing, Math	Measures college and career readiness and gives students practice with the SAT. It can also identify students who may qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program	OPT-IN assessment	College Board testing schedule (Oct.); 2.5 hours	Individual Results are provided to students to identify academic strengths and areas for improvement. For eligible 11th-grade students, scores are used for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition.
ACT	Grade 11	English, Math, Reading, Science	Measures college and career readiness by assessing students' knowledge and skills in core academic areas	District-selected assessment; state-funded	State-designated testing dates (Mar.); 2.75 hours	Individual results are provided to students and colleges for college admissions, placement, and planning, and are used by the district to evaluate college-readiness trends.
	Grades	Academic Content	Measures mastery	District-selected	College Board testing	Individual results

Advanced Placement (AP)	10-12	Areas-Course Specific	of college-level AP course content; may provide college credit/advanced placement	assessment	schedule (May); 2-3 hours	are provided to students and can be sent to colleges; colleges determine credit/placement.
ASVAB	Grade 10	Career Exploration	Career exploration and identification of student aptitude/strengths; may also support students considering military careers	District-selected assessment	District-designated testing window (Mar.); 2-3 hours	Individual results are provided to students and counselors for further discussion and exploration of career opportunities.
ACT WorkKeys	HS CTE students	Career Readiness	Measures foundational workplace skills and can provide students with the ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate; supports Ohio graduation pathways	District-selected assessment	Year-round; 1 hour per assessment	Individual results are provided to students/families and educators; applicable results contribute to Ohio accountability and graduation requirements.
IXL	Grades 6-8	ELA and Mathematics	Screening, benchmarking, and monitoring student achievement and growth	District-selected assessment	Administered in Sept., Jan., and May; 90 min. for ELA and 45 min. for Math	Results are available to teachers and administrators and used to inform instruction

						and intervention.

Assessment Categories

1. State and Federal Required Assessments

Lakewood Local Schools administers Ohio's State Tests and applicable End-of-Course assessments in accordance with Ohio testing requirements.

Ohio's State Tests are administered in English language arts and mathematics in grades 3–8, science in grades 5 and 8, and applicable high school courses through the End-of-Course assessment program.

Ohio establishes the testing windows, while districts select a consecutive series of school days within the applicable windows for administration. Testing dates and windows are published annually by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

2. District-Selected Assessments

Lakewood Local Schools also administers locally selected assessments to provide educators with additional information about student achievement and growth.

These assessments include:

- mCLASS DIBELS, K-5
- STAR Reading, K-5
- STAR Math, K-5
- Iowa Assessments – Social Studies, Grade 5
- Iowa Assessments – Science, Grade 5
- InView, Grades 2 and 5
- Ohio Readiness Assessments-Social Studies, Grades 4 & 6
- IXL, 6-8

These assessments are not Ohio State Tests. They are used as components of Lakewood's local assessment system to provide information that can assist educators in identifying student strengths and needs, planning instruction, monitoring progress, and determining whether additional academic support may be appropriate.

Use of Assessment Results

Lakewood Local Schools uses assessment information as one component of a broader system of student information. Assessment results may be used to:

- Identify students who may need additional academic support;
- Monitor student academic growth;
- Identify areas of strength and areas requiring additional instruction;
- Inform classroom instruction and intervention;
- Monitor the effectiveness of intervention and instructional programs;
- Assist educators in determining appropriate instructional strategies;
- Support communication with parents and families regarding student progress; and
- Evaluate district and school instructional programs.

No single assessment is used as the sole basis for making decisions about a student's educational needs.

Parent and Family Access to Assessment Information

Parents and guardians may request information regarding:

- The assessments administered to their child;
- The purpose of an assessment;
- Whether an assessment is required by the state or selected locally;
- The approximate amount of time associated with an assessment, when available;
- The scheduled testing window;
- How assessment results are used; and
- How and when assessment results are provided to families.

Parents and guardians may contact their building principal or the Director of Teaching and Learning, Patti Pickering, at ppickering@lakewoodlocal.k12.oh.us or 740-928-5878, with questions regarding the district assessment program.

State Assessment Participation

Lakewood Local Schools administers assessments required under Ohio and federal law in accordance with applicable requirements.

Parents and guardians may request information regarding the district's policies and procedures concerning student participation in state and local assessments, including any applicable parental rights concerning assessment participation by contacting the Director of Teaching and Learning, Patti Pickering, at ppickering@lakewoodlocal.k12.oh.us or 740-928-5878.

Information regarding Ohio's State Tests, testing windows, practice tests, and assessment requirements is also available through the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

Assessment Transparency Review

Lakewood Local Schools will review its assessment inventory annually to:

1. Ensure required assessments are identified;
2. Verify that the purpose of each districtwide assessment is clearly defined;
3. Review the instructional value of districtwide assessments;
4. Identify unnecessary or duplicative assessments when appropriate;
5. Ensure assessment information is communicated clearly to educators and families; and
6. Update the district's public assessment information for each school year.

The district may revise the assessment inventory during the school year when assessment requirements, testing windows, or district assessment practices change.

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