



# State Testing Windows 2025-2026

The Maryland State Department of Education determines testing windows for the State. These dates are subject to change. Each local education agency (LEA) designates the LEA testing window that falls within the state testing window. All students are assessed in grades 3-8 and at least once in high school.

TESTING WINDOW	ADMINISTRATION
August 1, 2025 – October 10, 2025	Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)
December 1, 2025 - January 16, 2026*	Winter Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ELA 10, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II (Pearson)</li> <li>• High School End of Course (EOC) Government and LS MISA (Cognia)</li> </ul>
January 7, 2026 – March 3, 2026	ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Grades K-12
Coming Soon	NAEP: English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Select students in grades 4 and 8
February 17, 2026 – May 1, 2026	Maryland School Survey: Grades 5-11 and Instructional Staff
March 2, 2026 - March 27, 2026*	Science (MISA) grades 5 and 8 (Pearson)
March 2, 2026 – April 24, 2026	SAT School Day Administration See the "SAT School Day Administration 2025" document listing specific dates for each LEA. Note: This document will be posted once dates are announced.
Coming Soon	DLM Alternate Assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades 5, 8, 11 (Science)</li> <li>• Grades 3-8 and 11 (ELA and Mathematics)</li> </ul>
April 6, 2026 – May 29, 2026*	Spring Administration (Pearson) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCAP English Language Arts (ELA): Grades 3-8 and 10</li> <li>• MCAP Mathematics: Grade 3 -8, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II</li> </ul>
May 4, 2026 - May 29, 2026*	Spring Administration (Pearson) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCAP Social Studies 8</li> </ul>
April 27, 2026 - May 29, 2026	Spring Administration (Cognia) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High School End of Course (EOC) Government and LS MISA</li> </ul>
July 20, 2026 – July 31, 2026	Summer Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ELA 10, and Algebra I (Pearson)</li> <li>• High School End of Course (EOC) Government and LS MISA (Cognia)</li> </ul>

Note: The Maryland School Survey is not considered an assessment but must be administered each year.

\* Paper Administration ends at least one week before this date. Contact the LAC or the STC for dates.