Presentation to the Nevada State Board of Education Nevada Assessments Calendar

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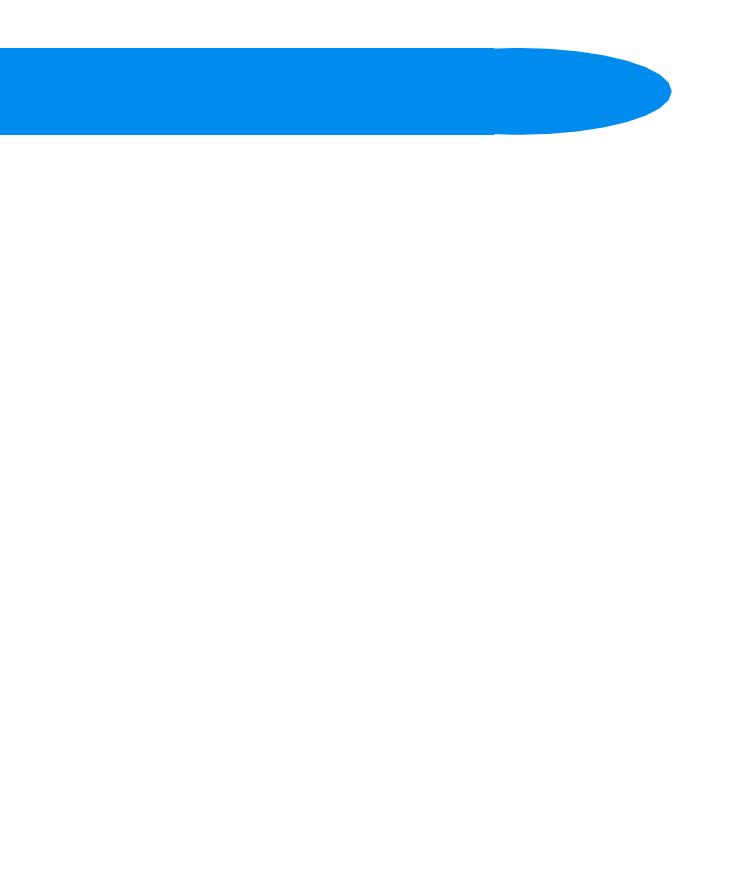




Agenda

- Federal Assessment Requirements
- Instructional Days
- Assessment Calendar 2025-2026 school year
- Data Validation





The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), outlines the primary federal requirements for assessing K-12 students

- Students must be tested annually in reading/language arts and mathematics in grades 3 through 8
- Students must be tested once in high school (grades 9-12) in reading/language arts and mathematics
- Students must be tested in science once in each of the following grade spans: grades 3-5, grades 6-8, and high school.
- All statewide assessments must be aligned with the state's academic content standards for each subject and grade level
- Assessments must include appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities and English language learners, as outlined in their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) or 504 Plans
- States develop alternate assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities
- States must provide evidence of the continued validity and reliability of State assessments



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- Senate Bill 75 (2015) required the establishment of a minimum number of instructional days prior to the state assessments.
- The State Board of Education established 120 instructional days as the minimum
- The 120 was consistent with the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium's (SBAC) policy that 66 percent of the instructional calendar be complete prior to the administration
- Assessment windows were implemented to allow for the variation between district

calendars.



Assessment Calendar 2025-2026 School Year

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Student Assessments – All Students	Grades	
Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment English Language Arts and Mathematics	3 - 8	
Science Assessments	5, 8, and high school	
ACT College & Career Readiness Assessment English Language Arts and Mathematics	11	Paper/Pencil: I Accommodat Make-up 1: Apr Accommoda Make-up 2: Apr Accommoda
Teaching Strategies GOLD Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA)	K	Intake assessme No earlier the within 45 ins
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Testing Windows

March 10 - May 5

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February 24, 2026 ated & Online: February 24-27 & March 2-6

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han 15 calendar days prior to the start of school or nstructional days of the start of the school year.

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Data Validation

- Data Validation for assessments administered by Data Recognition Corporation is completed during the assessment window
- Additional assessment data validation conducted post administration through an internal process in cooperation with districts.
- Results validity and reliability measures calculated and reported by assessment vendors per assessment best practices to meet the requirements of Federal Peer Review



Thank You

Thank You. For more information please contact: Mike Pacheco at <u>mpacheco@doe.nv.gov</u>

