

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

Federal Assessment Requirements

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.

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Student Assessments – All Students	Grades	Testing Windows
Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment English Language Arts and Mathematics	3 - 8	March 10 - May 5
Science Assessments	5, 8, and high school	March 10 - May 5
ACT College & Career Readiness Assessment English Language Arts and Mathematics	11	<i>Paper/Pencil: February 24, 2026</i> Accommodated & Online: February 24-27 & March 2-6 <i>Make-up 1: April 7, 2026</i> Accommodated & Online: April 7-10 & April 13-17 <i>Make-up 2: April 21, 2026</i> Accommodated & Online: April 21-24 & April 27-May 1
Teaching Strategies GOLD Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA)	K	<i>Intake assessment:</i> No earlier than 15 calendar days prior to the start of school or within 45 instructional days of the start of the school year.
NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Growth Reading MAP Growth Reading K-2 MAP Growth Reading K-2 MAP Growth Reading 2-5	K 1 2 - 3	<i>2 Testing Seasons: Winter & Spring:</i> Nov. 10 - Feb. 13; March 9 - May 29 <i>3 Testing Seasons: Fall, Winter, & Spring:</i> Aug. 11 - Oct. 24; Nov. 10 - Feb. 13; March 9 - May 29 <i>3 Testing Seasons: Fall, Winter, & Spring:</i> Aug. 11 - Oct. 24; Nov. 10 - Feb. 13; March 9 - May 29

- 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

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