

Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) Calendar 2025-26 School Year

Required TCAP Assessments

| Assessment Name | Administration | Administration Window | Raw Scores Available By |
|--|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| TCAP End-of-Course (EOC) | Fall | December 1-18, 2025 | TBD |
| TCAP Achievement (ACH) Grades 3-5 (Paper-Based) | Spring | April 13 - May 1, 2026 | May 20, 2026 |
| TCAP ACH Grades 6-8 and TCAP EOC (Computer-Based) | Spring | April 13 - May 5, 2026 | May 20, 2026 |
| TCAP-Alternate Science & Social Studies (Alt) Grades 3-8 and EOC | Spring | March 9 - April 24, 2026 | N/A |
| TCAP-Alt ELA & Math | Fall | September 8 - December 19, 2025 | N/A |
| TCAP-Alt ELA & Math | Spring | February 2 - May 15, 2026 | N/A |
| TCAP Grade 2 (Optional)* | Spring | April 13 - May 1, 2026 | May 20, 2026 |
| TCAP Grade 2-Alt (Optional)* | Spring | March 9 - April 24, 2026 | N/A |

*Participation in the Grade 2 assessment is a district option and includes both the general education and alternate assessments.

Other Assessment Dates

| Assessment Name | Administration | Administration Window |
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| ACT | Fall 2025 Senior Retake | First Window: September 30, October 1-3 & 6-10 Second Window: October 14-17 & 20-24 Third Window: October 28-31, November 3-7 |
| National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)** | Spring | January 27 - March 7, 2026 |
| English Learners Assessment | Spring | February 2 - March 27, 2026 |
| ACT | Spring 2026 Junior Testing | First Window: March 10-13 & 16-20 Second Window: March 24-27 & 30-31, April 1-3 Third Window: April 7-10 & 13-17 ⁺ |

⁺ The ACT dates the week of April 13-17 overlap with the first week of the spring EOC administration window.

**Only a small subset of schools will be selected for national and international assessments administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). Districts will be notified of selections in Summer 2025.

Assessment Calendar Expectations

This calendar has been developed in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-6001(f) and 49-1-617(b), requiring the Commissioner of Education to create a testing window that maximizes instructional time and returns raw scores before the end of the instructional term. Local education agency (LEA) instructional calendars may vary and are at the discretion of local boards of education. LEAs have the flexibility to determine local testing schedules that fall within available administration windows.

No later than July 31 of each year, each LEA must post on its website information about state-mandated tests and tests mandated by the LEA that will be administered in the upcoming school year, as required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-6007. Publicly posted information shall include the name of each test to be given, the purpose and use of the tests, the grade or class in which the tests are to be administered, the dates on which the tests will be administered, and how and when parents and students will be informed of all test results. LEAs are also required to disseminate the testing information to parents by placing the information in each school's student handbook, or other standard or policy guidebook that contains the policies and procedures of the school and is distributed annually. Specific information on the dates associated with preparations, data validation, and results returns for each state-administered assessment in this calendar document can be found in the *Assessment Milestones* document, which will be available in August. This calendar document includes dates provided by third-party assessment administration contractor(s) and is subject to change.