

2026-2027 Assessment Calendar

Cumberland County Schools

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Assessment	Explanation	Date(s)	Notes
ELPA 21 Screener for EL status	This assessment is an English language proficiency "screener" test given to incoming students who may be designated as English language learners. It assists educators with programmatic placement decisions such as identification and placement of ELs.	Continuous	These assessments do not reflect on your child's grades. However, the results of these tests will be sent home upon completion of the testing window. This testing is performed continuously throughout the school year, as new students enroll.
ASVAB	The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is an assessment designed to measure "developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military." This assessment is typically given to every student while in high school typically during 10th or 11th grade.	August 2026-May 2027	ASVAB will distribute the results of this assessment to students and parents.
Civics Exam	Per Tennessee Code Annotated, students in high school will take the U.S. Civics Exam prior to graduation. This assessment is designed to both promote and document basic U.S. Citizenship knowledge and skills.	August 2026-May 2027	The results of this assessment will be returned to individual students.
AIMSWeb Universal Screening #1 (Fall)	AIMSWeb is a skills-based universal screener for Reading and Math, used to inform important decisions about student learning and serve as a benchmark for making decisions regarding student academic support that may be needed.	August 3-September 18	These assessments are used for students in Kindergarten-8th grade. The results of these assessments do not reflect on your child's grades. However, the results will be sent home upon completion of the testing window.
Mid-Term Assessments	These assessments are for students in grades 9-12. These assessments provide a mid-term snapshot on how students are progressing halfway through courses.	October 8-9, 2026	Results from these assessments will be averaged into students' 1st term and reflect on their report card.
ACT Senior Retake	This assessment gives educators, students, and families early insight into a student's level of preparedness for college and career by high school graduation. Reports include data to qualify students for dual enrollment courses.	September 29-30, October 1-2, 5-9, 2026	Results from this assessment will be distributed to individual students and parents by ACT.
MasteryConnect Benchmark High School - Fall	These assessments are for high school students in EOC tested classes to assess their knowledge of course standards.	October 26-30 and November 2, 2026	Results from these assessments will be averaged into students' 2nd term grade and reflect on their report card.
Fall Block EOC	The End of Course category of the state's overall TCAP system provides information regarding the skills related to English language arts, math, science and social studies courses. Also known as TNReady assessments, these tests are designed to assess true student understanding and not just basic memorization and test-taking skills.	November 30-December 17, 2026	This assessment is given to students in grades 9-12. Results from these assessments will be included in the TCAP/EOC portion of the student's overall grade on their report card. Parents will receive a collective TCAP/EOC report that includes the results from each part of the assessment.
AIMSWeb Universal Screening #2 (Winter)	AIMSWeb is a skills-based universal screener for Reading and Math, used to inform important decisions about student learning and serve as a benchmark for making decisions regarding student academic support that may be needed.	December 1, 2026-January 22, 2027	These assessments are used for students in Kindergarten-8th grade. These assessments do not reflect on your child's grades. However, the results of these tests will be sent home upon the completion of the testing window.
Fall Semester Final Exams	These assessments are for students in grades 9-12. These assessments cover course content for Fall semester.	December 16-17, 2026	Results from these tests will be averaged into students' 2nd term grades which be reflected on their report cards.
MasteryConnect Benchmark Elementary/Middle #1	These assessments are for students in 3-8 to assess their knowledge of grade-level standards	December 9-17, 2026	These assessments will count as part of students' 2nd term grade. Scores will be visible on Skyward.
PreACT for 9th and 10th grade students	This assessment predicts student performance on the ACT and can be used as an indicator of college and career readiness. Reports include data to help with targeted interventions, inform classroom instruction, guide students in course selection, and qualify students for dual enrollment courses and Middle College.	March 23-26, 29-31, April 1-2, 2027	This assessment is given to all 9th and 10th grade students and results will be distributed to individual students and parents by ACT.
NAEP	The National Assessment of Educational Progress, or NAEP , is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. Assessments are conducted periodically in mathematics, reading, science, writing, the arts, civics, economics, geography, and/or U.S. history.	Schools and grades participating TBA	Individual student results are not reported to families or districts. Scores are only reported to the Tennessee Department of Education.
ELPA 21 for ELs	The ELPA21 for ELLs 2.0 is a secure large-scale English language proficiency assessment administered to Kindergarten through 12th grade students who have been identified as English language learners (ELs). It is given annually to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English.	February 1-March 26, 2027	These assessments do not reflect on your child's grades. However, the results of these tests will be sent home when results are received from ELPA.

Mid-Term Assessments	These assessments are for students in grades 9-12. These assessments provide a mid-term snapshot on how students are progressing halfway through courses.	March 11-12, 2027	Results from these assessments will be averaged into students' 3rd term and reflect on their report card.
ACT for all 11th grade students	This assessment gives educators, students, and families early insight into a student's level of preparedness for college and career by high school graduation. Reports include data to help guide students in course selection, and qualify students for dual enrollment courses.	March 23-26, 29-31, April 1-2, 2027	This assessment is given to all 11th grade students. Results from this assessment will be distributed to individual students and parents by ACT.
MSAA	The Multi-State Alternative Assessment (MSAA) applies the lessons learned from the past decade of research on alternative assessments based on alternate achievement standards (AA-AAS) to develop a multi-state comprehensive assessment system for students with significant cognitive disabilities. The project draws on a strong research base to develop an AA-AAS that is built from the ground up on powerful validity arguments linked to clear learning outcomes and defensible assessment results.	TBD	This assessment is given to students who are approved to take the MSAA in accordance with their Instructionally Appropriate Individualized Education Plan (IAIEP). Results from this assessment will be reported to parents in the Fall report cards.
TCAP-ALT	This alternate TCAP test is designed for our students with the most significant cognitive disabilities all subjects in grades 3-8 and in grade 10.	February 1-May 21, 2027	Parents will receive a collective TCAP report that includes the results from each part of this assessment.
MasteryConnect Benchmark Elementary/Middle #2	These assessments are for students in 3-8 to assess their knowledge of grade-level standards	March 4-12, 2027	These assessments will count as part of students' 3rd term grade. Scores will be visible on Skyward.
MasteryConnect Benchmark High School - Spring	These assessments are for high school students in EOC tested classes to assess their knowledge of course standards.	March 22-25, 31 and April 1, 2027	Results from these assessments will be averaged into students' 4th term grade and reflect on their report card.
TCAP (Grades 3-8) and EOC (Spring Block and Year-Long Courses)	This section of the state's overall TCAP system provides information regarding the knowledge and skills related to English language arts, math, science and social studies. Also known as TNReady assessments, these tests are designed to assess true student understanding and not just basic memorization and test-taking skills.	April 7-May 6, 2027	Results from this assessment will be included in the TCAP portion of the students' overall grade on their report card. Parents will receive a collective TCAP report that includes results from each part of the assessment.
AIMSweb Universal Screening #3 (Spring)	AIMSweb is a skills-based universal screener for Reading and Math, used to inform important decisions about student learning and serve as a benchmark for making decisions regarding student academic support that may be needed.	March 16-May 11, 2027	These assessments are used for students in Kindergarten-3rd grade. assessments do not reflect on your child's grades. However, the results of these tests will be sent home upon completion of the testing window.
AP Exams	These assessments are for students in grades 9-12 and measure student comprehension of Advanced Placement material.	May 3-14, 2027	Results from these tests will be shared with students through AP-College Board.
Spring Semester Senior Final Exams and Underclassmen Final Exams	These assessments are for students in grades 9-12. These assessments cover course content for Spring semester.	May 13-18, 2027 for Seniors & May 25-26, 2027 for Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors	Results from these tests will be averaged into students' 4th term grades which be reflected on their report cards.