

## 2025-2026 Assessment Calendar

### Cumberland County Schools

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 given to every 10th grader or 11th grader.	September 23, 2025 (SMHS 12th grade) February 24, 2026 (SMHS 11th grade)	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.	TBD at the school level	The results of this assessment will be returned to individual students.
AIMS Web Benchmark Screening #1 (Fall)	AIMS Web 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 4-September 26, 2025	These assessments are used for students in Kindergarten-3rd 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 in full-term courses.	TBD	Results from these assessments will be averaged into students' overall grade 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.	October 28-31, 2025, November 3-7, 2025	Results from this assessment will be distributed to individual students and parents by ACT.
ACT Senior Retake Makeup	This assessment gives educators, students, and families early insight into a student's level of preparedness for college and career by high school graduation.	TBD	Results from this assessment will be distributed to individual students and parents by ACT.
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.	December 1-18, 2025	This assessment is given to students in grades 9-12. Results from these assessments will be included in the TCAP portion of the student's overall grade on their report card. Parents will receive a collective TCAP report that includes the results from each part of the assessment.
AIMS Web Benchmark Screening #2 (Winter)	AIMS Web 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, 2025-January 30, 2026	These assessments are used for students in Kindergarten-3rd 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.
1st Semester Final Exams	These assessments are for students in grades 9-12. These assessments cover course content for Fall semester.	TBD	Results from these tests will be averaged into students' overall grades and will be reflected on their report cards.
PreACT	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 target interventions, inform classroom instruction, guide students in course selection, and qualify students for Middle College.	March 16-April 24, 2026	This assessment is given to all 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 ELPA 21 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.	TBD	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.
ACT	This assessment gives educators, students, and families early insight into a student's level of preparedness for college and career by high school graduation.	TBD	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 2026 report cards.
TCAP-ALT	This alternate TCAP test is designed for our students with the most significant cognitive disabilities for both science and social studies in grades 3-8 and biology in grade 10.	March 9-April 24, 2026, April 13-May 5, 2026	Parents will receive a collective TCAP report that includes the results from each part of this assessment.
2nd Grade ALT Assessment	This alternate assessment is designed for our 2nd grade students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.	TBD	This assessment does not reflect on your child's report card. However, the results of the test will be sent home as soon as it becomes available.
Mid-Term Assessments	These assessments provide a mid-term snapshot of how students are progressing in full-term courses.	TBD	Results from these assessments will be averaged into students' overall grade and reflect on their report card.
2nd Grade Assessment	This criterion-referenced assessment is designed to measure 2nd graders' English language arts and math progress in the knowledge and skills outlined in the Tennessee State Standards.	TBD	This assessment does not reflect on your child's report card. However, the results of the test will be sent home as soon as it becomes available.
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 12-May 1, 2026 (paper-based), April 13-May 3 (computer-based)	Results from this assessment will be included in the TCAP portion of the students's overall grade on their report card. Parents will receive a collective TCAP report that includes results from each part of the assessment.
AIMS Web Benchmark Screening #3 (Spring)	AIMS Web 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 30-May 15, 2026	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	AP Exams are assessments that measure student comprehension of Advanced Placement material.	TBD at the school level	Results from these tests will be averaged into students' overall grades and will be reflected on their report cards.
Senior Finals/Finals	These assessments cover material covered in courses that are not covered by state-mandated end-of-course exams.	TBD at the school level	These assessments are for students in grades 9-12. Results from these assessments will be averaged into your student's overall grade and reflect on their report card.