

2025-2026 DeKalb County State and District Assessments

Testing times in following link

Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA SS and Science)	GRADE LEVEL(S)	APPLICABLE FEDERAL/STATE LAW	PURPOSE & USE	TESTING WINDOW	RESULTS TO PARENTS & STUDENTS
	3-11 (Exceptional Education students only)	Administered in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015 and T.C.A §49-1-612.	This test is given to help measure how much a student grows academically over the course of a school year.	March 9- April 24, 2026 (tentative)	- DCSS receives individual student reports which detail student performance in late summer. - Schools distribute these reports to parents in the first Parent Teacher Conference of the following year.
RTI Benchmark Universal Screener	K-8	Administered as part of the RTI state initiative. Administered in accordance with Individual with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 34 CFR 300.8(c)(10) and TN Special Education and Services Act 0520- 01-09 Rule 0520-01-09-12.	- Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI or RTI2) is a multi-tiered instructional support system that includes periodic brief assessments to identify each student’s specific reading, writing, and math skill needs and match those needs with appropriate instruction. - This product used for screening and monitoring student progress in key foundational skills at each grade level.	- Fall 2025: August 5- August 23 - Winter 2025: December 2 – December 13 - Spring 2026: May 1 – May 16 Testing dates are tentative	- Student level reports are provided to parents by schools one week after test is administered. - Progress Monitoring reports will be provided at regular intervals (mid nine week reports) to parents of students who participate in Tier II and III interventions.

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National Assessment for Educational Progress(NAE P) (if district is selected)	4 and 8 (selected schools only)	Administered in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 which requires the state to participate in the biennial state academic assessments of fourth and eighth grade reading and mathematics.	• NAEP is administered to a small sample of Tennessee fourth and eighth graders only. • This test, often called the Nation’s Report Card, measures Tennessee’s academic achievement against that of other states.	• January 27 – March 7, 2026 (Tentative upon selection) https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/exam-dates	• No district, school or student level results are provided. • State-level results are posted on the NAEP website approximately six months after the test administration.
TCAP English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies	3-8 End of Course (High3 School)	• Administered in accordance with the T.C.A §49-1-602 pertaining to district and school accountability. • Modified assessments in Braille and large print are administered in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1990 • Administered in accordance with the T.C.A	• The TCAP Achievement Test measures a student’s skills in Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. Student results provided to parents, teachers, and administrators. Achievement Test results count as 15% of student's final grade in the content areas of Reading/Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science.	• Grades 3 -5 (PAPER) April 13, 2026 - May 1, 2026 • Grades 6 - 12 (ONLINE) April 13, 2026 - May 5, 2026 Note: Fall EOC Window for Select Student November 2025 – December 2025	• DCSS will receive individual performance reports that details individual student results in late May. • Schools distribute the individual reports to parents once they are received by DCSS from the state.
3 rd grade Retake	Eligible 3 rd grade student	Administered in accordance with 3 rd grade literacy law. T.C.A. 49-6-3115	• The TCAP Achievement Test measures a student’s skills in Reading/Language Arts.	• May 2026	• DCSS will receive individual performance reports that details individual student results in late May. • Schools distribute the individual reports to parents once they are received by DCSS from the state.

Assessment for English Learners	K-12	Administered in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act	• The ELPA for ELs assessment serves as one criterion to aid in determining language proficiency for English Learners.	• February 2 – March 27, 2026	• DCSS will receive individual performance reports which detail individual student results in mid June. • Schools distribute the individual reports to parents once they are received by DCSS from the state.
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ACT	GRADE LEVEL(S)	APPLICABLE FEDERAL/STATE LAW	PURPOSE & USE	TESTING WINDOW	RESULTS TO PARENTS & STUDENTS
	11	Administered in accordance with T.C.A §49-6-6001(b).	The ACT is used to measure college readiness and to determine HOPE scholarship eligibility.	• March 10 - 13, 2026	Student level reports are provided approximately three to eight weeks after the ACT administration.
ACT	12	Administered in accordance with T.C.A §49-6-6001(b).	The ACT is used to measure college readiness and to determine HOPE scholarship eligibility.	November 3 - 7, 2025	Student level reports are provided approximately three to eight weeks after the ACT administration.

Final Exams	9-12	Requirements to meet board policy	• To evaluate student summative learning	• December 11-13, 2025 (select courses) • May 4 - 8, 2026 • May 11 - 15, 2026	• Included in report card grade
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Grade 2 Assessment Optional Grade 2 Alt	2	District option	This product is used for monitoring student progress in key foundational skills	• April 13 – May 1, 2026 (includes make up dates)	• Results received during the summer and sent to parents at the beginning of each following school year