

Let's Talk Testing

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Overview

2026-2027 Houston County School District Assessment Calendar



August 4-September 15	GKIDS Readiness Check (first 6 weeks of school)
August 10-26	MAP Growth Fall Administration (1-10)
August 10-28	iReady Diagnostic (K-5 Math; 4-5 Reading)
August 18-21	Georgia Milestones EOC Mid-month
September 1-September 15	AMIRA BOY Benchmark (K-3)
September 17-May 10	GKIDS 2.0 Main Administration
September 15-18	Georgia Milestones EOC Mid-month
October 5-8	Georgia Milestones EOC Mid-month
October 21	PSAT/NMSQT
November 3-6	Georgia Milestones EOC Mid-month
December 1-December 17	AMIRA MOY Benchmark (K-3)
December 8-11	Georgia Milestones Winter Administration
January 6-February 26	ACCESS for ELLs /ALT ACCESS for ELLs
January 11-27	MAP Growth Winter Administration (1-10; K Optional)
January 11-29	iReady Diagnostic (K-5 Math; 4-5 Reading)
January 20-22	Georgia Milestones EOC Mid-month / Fall & Winter Retest
January 25 - March 19	NAEP (Selected Schools)
February 9-12	Georgia Milestones EOC Mid-month
March 2-5	Georgia Milestones EOC Mid-month
March 22-April 30	GAA 2.0 Administration
April 5 - May 14	End of Pathway Administration
April 21-29	Georgia Milestones EOG Main Administration (3-5)
April 22-29	Georgia Milestones EOG Main Administration (6-8)
April 26 - April 30	Georgia Milestones EOC Main Administration
April 26 - May 21	MAP Growth Spring Administration (Grades 1-2; K Optional)
April 26-May 14	iReady Diagnostic, optional (K-5 Math; 4-5 Reading)
May 3-May 14	AP Exams
May 3-May 21	AMIRA EOY Benchmark (K-3)
May 19	EOG Math Retest (5, 8)
May 20	EOG ELA Retest (3, 5, 8)
June 21-24	Georgia Milestones EOC Summer Administration

NOTE: Adjustments in the assessment calendar may be necessary due to system needs or state requirements

8/7/2026



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TOGETHER WE WILL...





Types of Testing Overview

NWEA MAP Growth Assessment

- Administered 2 times a year.
- 9th and 10th graders
- ELA and Math
- Measuring Growth and Achievement
- Aligns to Milestones performance
- Used to inform instruction

ACCESS Testing

- Any student who is served through the ELL Program
- Measures areas of language fluency
- Helps teachers with providing supports for students

Georgia EOC Milestones Testing

- State-required tests for graduation
- Algebra I, Biology, 10th Literature, US History
- 20% of Spring Class Average
- Must pass the class/take EOC to meet the graduation requirement

ASVAB Testing

- Multiple-aptitude battery assessment
- Students can sign up at school, usually twice a year.
- Can be completed through a recruiter
- Used to select and classify new recruits
- Used for students interested in going into the military

CTAE End of Pathway (EOPA)

- Any student who has taken the 3rd-year course for a CTAE class.
- Receive a cord and seal for successful completion.

AP Testing

- Any student who is enrolled in an AP course
- Opted in to take the College Board exam.
- Grown from 272 students to 381 students in the past three years.
- Opportunity for students to earn college credit if score a qualifying score (dependent on college.)

PSAT/SAT/ACT

- Standardized tests used for college readiness and admissions.
- PSAT- practice for SAT and qualifies juniors for the National Merit Scholarship.
- SAT- Official college admissions test
 - Fully digital, Reading/Writing/Math
 - Score 400-1600
- ACT- Official college admissions test
 - Paper based
 - Score 1-36

Testing By Grade

9th Grade

**ELA
MAP**

01

MAP Testing

Given in August 2026 and January 2027

**Math
MAP**

02

Algebra I

03

Milestone Testing

Last week of April 2027

Additional Testing:

ACCESS Testing

ELL Program
January 2027

AP Testing

AP Government and Politics
May 2027

PSAT

- 9th graders who pay \$15.
- October 2026

Testing By Grade

10th Grade

**ELA
MAP**

01

MAP Testing

Given in August 2026 and January 2027

**Math
MAP**

02

10th Literature and Biology

03

Milestone Testing

Last week of April 2027

Additional Testing:

PSAT

- All 10th graders
- October 2026

ACCESS Testing

ELL Program
January 2027

AP Testing

AP World, and some
may have an additional
May 2027

CTAE End of Pathway

Most students start the
3 year program for
completing a pathway .

Testing By Grade 11th & 12th Grade

ACCESS Testing

Any student that is served through ELL Program

PSAT

- 11th graders who pay \$15.
- October 2026

SAT/ACT

- Any student who is pursuing acceptance into a 4-year university.
- Various Dates throughout the year

CTAE End of Pathway

Most students finish the 3-year program for completing a pathway.

Take EOPA

AP Testing

Any student that is enrolled in an AP course and opted in to take the College Board exam.

