

2026-2027 Mississippi Statewide Testing Calendar

Test Name and Vendor	Grade Levels	Test Window Start Date - End Date	Maximum Duration	Retesters
Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) Adolescent Literacy Initiative (ALI) & Moving Math in MS (M ³) Universal Screeners Vendor: Renaissance Learning	PK-K 4-8 Reading K-5 Math	Beginning of Year (BOY) 7/20/2026 - 9/21/2026 Middle of Year (MOY) 11/16/2026 - 12/18/2026 End of Year (EOY) 4/12/2027 - 5/14/2027	Varies	No
3rd Grade MS Academic Assessment Program (MAAP-ELA) <i>Literacy-Based Promotion Act (LBPA)</i> Vendor: DRC	3	Initial 4/05/2027 – 4/16/2027 Retest 1 5/10/2027 – 5/14/2027 Retest 2 6/21/2027 – 6/25/2027	180 minutes	Yes
MS Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) Vendor: DRC	End of Course (EOC) 3 ELA & EOC 4-8 ELA 3-8 MATH 5 & 8 SCI & EOC	Fall 2026 11/30/2026 – 12/18/2026 Spring 2027 G3 Reading/ Graduating Seniors/ Early Graduates 4/05/2027 – 04/16/2027 4/26/2027 – 05/21/2027	180-270 minutes	Yes
DRC Beacon* <i>*Optional Benchmarks offered at no cost to districts</i> Vendor: DRC	3-8 ELA 3-8 MATH Algebra I English II	Fall Season 8/31/2026 – 11/30/2026 Winter Season 12/01/2026 – 02/27/2027 Spring Season 3/01/2027 – 6/25/2027	Varies	No



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MS Academic Assessment Program - Alternate (MAAP-A) Vendor: DRC	SCD HS ALT EOC SCD 3-8, HS ALT EOC	Fall Retest/4x4 block 11/30/2026 - 12/11/2026 Spring ELA, Math, & Science 3/15/2027 – 5/07/2027	Untimed	Yes
English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT) Vendor: Cambium	English Learners K – 12	Annual ELPT Window 3/01/2027 – 4/16/2027 ELPA21 Dynamic Screener 7/20/2026 – 5/27/2027	Untimed	No
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Vendor: NAEP	Science <i>Selected Schools by U.S. Dept of Education</i>	1/25/2027 – 3/19/2027	120 minutes	No
ACT Vendor: ACT	11	Test Event 1: Standard Time Paper 2/23/2027 Test Event 1: Online Window 2/23/2027 – 3/05/2027 Test Event 1: Accommodations 2/23/2027 – 3/05/2027 Test Event 2: Standard Time Paper 3/23/2027 Test Event 2: Online Window 3/23/2027 – 4/02/2027 Test Event 2: Accommodations 3/23/2027 – 4/02/2027 Test Event 3: Standard Time Paper 04/20/2027 Test Event 3: Online Window 4/20/2027 – 4/30/2027 Test Event 3: Accommodations 4/20/2027 – 4/30/2027	165 minutes 165 minutes Varies 165 minutes 165 minutes Varies 165 minutes 165 minutes Varies	No
ACT WorkKeys Vendor: ACT	10-12	Fall 2026 Paper 10/19/2026 – 11/13/2026 Fall 2026 Online 10/19/2026 – 12/06/2026 Spring 2027 Paper 3/01/2027 – 3/26/2027 Spring 2027 Online 3/01/2027 – 4/16/2027	165 minutes	No

Important Notes

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA), Adolescent Literacy Initiative (ALI), & Moving Math in MS (M³) Universal Screeners

- To receive a Student Growth Percentile (SGP) or Curriculum-Based Measures (CBM) score for MOY, students must be tested after **December 1, 2026**.

K-3 Assessments

- Please refer to the [K-3 Assessment Key Dates](#) document for additional information regarding dates associated with Grades 1-3 Universal Screeners for LBPA.
- **Both** Grade 3 ELA sessions must be administered during the **initial Grade 3 testing window (April 5–16, 2027)** to ensure scores are available for retest assignments.
- The initial Grade 3 Reading and Writing assessments may only be administered during the **regular testing window (April 26–May 21, 2027)** for extenuating circumstances (e.g., transfer students, medical emergencies, etc.).

Testing Times

- ELA Session 1 (180 minutes) and Session 2 (two (2) 45-minute writing prompts) total 270 minutes of testing time.
- Mathematics consists of **one (1) session (180 minutes)**.
- For some students receiving accommodations, testing may range from **one (1) day to three (3) days**.

Graduating Seniors/Early Graduates

- **April 16, 2027**, is the final date by which graduating seniors and early graduates must test to receive early scores for **Algebra I, Biology, and English II EOC assessments**.
- Students taking **English II** must complete both sessions during the **early testing window (April 5–16, 2027)**.

ACT State Testing

- The ACT is administered to all MS public-school students classified as 11th grade students during the academic year. Each student is allowed **one (1) administration**.
- Mississippi students will take all four ACT tests: **English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science**.
- **ACT Accommodations Requests**
 - All accommodation requests, including appeals, must be submitted by ACT's established deadlines as outlined in the **Schedule of Events**. Requests that are not submitted by the deadline may not be approved in time for the preferred test date.
 - The **Accommodations Request Window** is available on the ACT Now: Mississippi website under [Request Accommodations](#).

Other Dates to Note for Planning

- Mardi Gras: **February 9, 2027**
- Easter: **March 28, 2027**
- Most Spring Breaks in 2027 fall during the week of **March 8–12, 2027**.
- Coastal district Spring Break schedules typically vary throughout **March and April**.