

# Louisville Municipal School District

## Curriculum & Assessments

### The Mississippi Department of Education's (MDE) Student Assessments

RESOURCE	MDE POLICY/DESCRIPTION
<b>Click on the link to learn more and to gain access to practice tests, rubrics, and additional resources.</b>	
<a href="#"><u>2024-2025 Statewide Testing Calendar</u></a>	The MDE's calendar that lists dates of assessments for students in grades Pre-k through 12
<a href="#"><u>Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP)</u></a>	MAAP is designed to measure student achievement in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, Science, and US History. Students are assessed in grades 3 through 8 in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, grades 5 and 8 Science, Algebra I, Biology I, English II, and US History.
<a href="#"><u>Mississippi Academic Assessment Program-Alternate (MAAP-A)</u></a>	Mississippi is required under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA) to provide high-quality alternate assessments for students with significant cognitive disabilities (SCD). These alternate assessments must be aligned to academic content standards that apply to all students in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics in grades 3-8 and once in high school. They must also align to content standards for Science in at least one grade in each of the 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 grade ranges.
<a href="#"><u>Universal Screener and Diagnostic Assessment</u></a>	Universal screening assessments will be administered to all students [in Kindergarten – Grade 3] at least three times during the year to provide an especially critical “first look” at individual students.
<a href="#"><u>Kindergarten Readiness Assessment</u></a>	The Kindergarten Readiness Assessment [KRA] provides parents, teachers, and early childhood providers with a common understanding of what children know and are able to do upon entering school. The Kindergarten Readiness Assessment is also used to measure how well Pre-K programs prepare four-year-old children to be ready for kindergarten...
<a href="#"><u>3rd Grade MAAP ELA Assessment</u></a>	The 3rd Grade MAAP ELA Assessment component will be summative and will determine the minimum level of competency in reading and be administered each spring.

<p><b><u>English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT)</u></b></p>	<p>The ELPT is a secure, large-scale, English language proficiency assessment administered to students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 who are officially identified as English learners (ELs). This assessment is administered annually to monitor English learners' progress in acquiring academic English.</p>
<p><b><u>Mississippi College and Career Testing</u></b></p>	<p><b>ACT State Testing:</b> The ACT assessment is a curriculum- and standards-based educational planning tool that assesses students' academic readiness for college. The ACT is administered to all students classified as eleventh grade students during the academic year.</p> <p><b>ACT WorkKeys:</b> ACT WorkKeys is a series of assessments that measures skills essential for success in the 21st century workplace. The ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (ACT WorkKeys NCRC) is a credential issued based on competencies on three assessments: Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents. Examinees must score at least a 3 or higher on each of the three assessments to earn an ACT WorkKeys NCRC, which is issued at four levels – Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum.</p>
<p><b><u>Brigance: Early Childhood</u></b></p>	<p>The Early Childhood Screens III allow teachers to quickly and easily screen children to determine areas of strength and need. [*Brigance is used to screen pre-k students at the beginning and end of the school year. <b>Contact your school for specific dates.</b>]</p>
<p><b><u>National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)</u></b></p>	<p>The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. <b>NAEP assesses a sample of students</b> across the country to be representative of all students in the United States. Students who are selected represent the nation's geographic, racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity.</p>
<p><b>LMSD Benchmark Assessments Calendar</b> (See the full benchmark schedule below.)</p>	<p>The purpose of a benchmark assessment is to measure student progress towards mastering certain grade-level academic standards in ELA &amp; Writing (Grades 3-8), Math (Grades 3-8), Science (Grades 5 &amp; 8), ENG II, ALG I, Biology, &amp; US History. <b>These exams are administered three times during the school year.</b></p>
	<p><b>Students in kindergarten through grade two complete benchmark exams, also. See below.</b></p>

## 2024/2025 LMSD Benchmark Testing Schedule

<b>GRADE 1 and GRADE 2</b>	
Benchmark 1	December 9 - 19, 2024
Benchmark 2	February 24 - March 7, 2025 (2nd Grade Only)
Benchmark 3	April 28 - May 9, 2025
<b>3rd Grade-8th Grade ELA/MATH and 5th Grade/8th Grade Science</b>	
Benchmark 1	September 23 - October 3, 2024
Benchmark 2	December 9 - 19, 2024
Benchmark 3	February 24 - March 7, 2025
<b>English II, Algebra I, Biology, US History (Traditional Courses)</b>	
Benchmark 1	September 23 - October 3, 2024
Benchmark 2	December 9 - 19, 2024
Benchmark 3	February 24 - March 7, 2025
<b>Biology, US History (Semester 1 Courses)</b>	
Benchmark 1 Mid	September 23 - October 3, 2024
Benchmark 2 Final	November 4 - 15, 2024
<b>Biology, US History (Semester 2 Courses)</b>	
Benchmark 1 Mid	February 24 - March 7, 2025
Benchmark 2 Final	April 7 - 17, 2025

\*\*\*Kindergarten will take a Paper/Pencil Assessment during Benchmark 2 and 3 of the GR 1 and 2 Window.