

PRELIMINARY PGCPS COUNTY AND MSDE STATE TESTING SCHEDULE 2025-2026

PGCPS DEPARTMENT OF TESTING, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION	LEVEL	
NAME OF ASSESSMENT	E/M/H	TESTING DATES
AUGUST		
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS	E/M/H	AUG 26
KRA (KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSMT) EVERY SCHOOL/ALL KDG STUDENTS NEW ASSMT/NEW PLATFORM	E	AUG 26 - Oct 10
SEPTEMBER		
KRA (KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSMT) EVERY SCHOOL/ALL KDG STUDENTS NEW ASSMT/NEW PLATFORM	E	AUG 26 - Oct 10
i-Ready - GRADES 4-8 CENSUS TESTING	E/M	SEPT 4 - SEPT 19
DIBELS 8 - GRADES K, 1, 2, 3	E	SEPT 22 - OCT 16
OCTOBER		
KRA (KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSMT) EVERY SCHOOL/ALL KDG STUDENTS NEW ASSMT/NEW PLATFORM	E	AUG 26 - Oct 10
DIBELS 8 - GRADES K, 1, 2, 3	E	SEPT 22 - OCT 16
PSAT 8/9 K-8 and MIDDLE SCHOOLS - 8TH GRADERS (ONE-DAY ADMIN)	M	OCT 20 - OCT 24
TAG IDENTIFICATION TESTING WINDOW - OLSAT FIRST GRADE CENSUS TESTING	E	OCT 20 - NOV 6
SPECIAL PROGRAMS ENTRANCE EXAM FOR SELECTED 9TH GRADE STUDENTS BY APPLICATION AND NON-PUBLIC STUDENTS	M/H	OCT 25
MATH BENCHMARK #1 GRADES 1-8, ALG 1 AND 2, ACCELERATED, FOUNDATIONS, QUANTITATIVE MODELING, GEOMETRY	E/M/H	OCT 27 - NOV 19
RELA BENCHMARK #1 GRADES 3-8 AND HS STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ELA 9 AND ELA 10	E/M/H	OCT 27 - NOV 19
SCIENCE BENCHMARK #1 GRADES 5 AND 8, STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HS BIOLOGY	E/M/H	OCT 27 - NOV 19
SOCIAL STUDIES BENCHMARK #1 GRADE 8	M	OCT 27 - NOV 19
HS GOVERNMENT BENCHMARK #1 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HS GOVERNMENT	H	OCT 27 - NOV 19
END OF FIRST QUARTER (45 DAYS)	E/M/H	OCT 31
NOVEMBER		
TAG IDENTIFICATION TESTING WINDOW - OLSAT FIRST GRADE CENSUS TESTING	E	OCT 20 - NOV 6
MATH BENCHMARK #1 GRADES 1-8, ALG 1 AND 2, ACCELERATED, FOUNDATIONS, QUANTITATIVE MODELING, GEOMETRY	E/M/H	OCT 27 - NOV 19
RELA BENCHMARK #1 GRADES 3-8 AND HS STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ELA 9 AND ELA 10	E/M/H	OCT 27 - NOV 19
SCIENCE BENCHMARK #1 GRADES 5 AND 8, STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HS BIOLOGY	E/M/H	OCT 27 - NOV 19
SOCIAL STUDIES BENCHMARK #1 GRADE 8	M	OCT 27 - NOV 19
HS GOVERNMENT BENCHMARK #1 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HS GOVERNMENT	H	OCT 27 - NOV 19
THANKSGIVING BREAK - SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED	E/M/H	NOV 26-28
DECEMBER		
MCAP ASSESSMENT FOR BLOCK SCHEDULES (SEMESTERIZED COURSES) PAPER - ELA10, ALG 1, ALG 2, GEOMETRY	H	DEC 1 - JAN 9
MCAP ASSESSMENT FOR BLOCK SCHEDULES (SEMESTERIZED COURSES) ONLINE - ELA10, ALG 1, ALG 2, GEOMETRY	H	DEC 1 - JAN 16
WINTER END OF COURSE (EOC) HSA GOVERNMENT and LS-MISA ADMINISTRATION - PAPER	H	DEC 1 - JAN 9

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DECEMBER		
WINTER END OF COURSE (EOC) HSA GOVERNMENT and LS-MISA ADMINISTRATION - ONLINE	H	DEC 1 - JAN 16
TAG IDENTIFICATION TESTING WINDOW - COGAT FOURTH GRADE CENSUS TESTING	E	DEC 8 - DEC 17
i-Ready - GRADES 4-5 CENSUS TESTING GRADES 6-8 OPTIONAL FOR CENSUS TESTING	E	DEC 8 - JAN 9
WINTER BREAK - SCHOOLS CLOSED	E/M/H	DEC 22 - JAN 2
JANUARY		
MCAP ASSESSMENT FOR BLOCK SCHEDULES (SEMESTERIZED COURSES) PAPER - ELA10, ALG 1, ALG 2, GEOMETRY	H	DEC 1 - JAN 9
MCAP ASSESSMENT FOR BLOCK SCHEDULES (SEMESTERIZED COURSES) ONLINE - ELA10, ALG 1, ALG 2, GEOMETRY	H	DEC 1 - JAN 16
WINTER END OF COURSE (EOC) HSA GOVERNMENT and LS-MISA ADMINISTRATION - PAPER	H	DEC 1 - JAN 9
WINTER END OF COURSE (EOC) HSA GOVERNMENT and LS-MISA ADMINISTRATION - ONLINE	H	DEC 1 - JAN 16
i-Ready - GRADES 4-5 CENSUS TESTING GRADES 6-8 OPTIONAL FOR CENSUS TESTING	E	DEC 8 - JAN 9
WINTER BREAK - SCHOOLS CLOSED	E/M/H	DEC 22 - JAN 2
ACCESS for ELs (ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST) PRIMARY TEST ADMINISTRATION WINDOW	E/M/H	JAN 7 - FEB 13
DIBELS 8 - GRADES K, 1, 2, 3	E	JAN 12 - FEB 10
MATH BENCHMARK #2 GRADES K-8, ALG 1 AND 2, ACCELERATED, FOUNDATIONS, QUANTITATIVE MODELING, GEOMETRY	E/M/H	JAN 20 - FEB 13
RELA BENCHMARK #2 GRADES 3-8 AND HS STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ELA 9 AND ELA 10	E/M/H	JAN 20 - FEB 13
SCIENCE BENCHMARK #2 GRADES 5 AND 8, STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HS BIOLOGY	E/M/H	JAN 20 - FEB 13
SOCIAL STUDIES BENCHMARK #2 GRADE 8	M	JAN 20 - FEB 13
HS GOVERNMENT BENCHMARK #2 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HS GOVERNMENT	H	JAN 20 - FEB 13
END OF SECOND QUARTER (46 DAYS)	E/M/H	JAN 26
FEBRUARY		
ACCESS for ELs (ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST) PRIMARY TEST ADMINISTRATION WINDOW	E/M/H	JAN 7 - FEB 13
DIBELS 8 - GRADES K, 1, 2, 3	E	JAN 12 - FEB 10
MATH BENCHMARK #2 GRADES K-8, ALG 1 AND 2, ACCELERATED, FOUNDATIONS, QUANTITATIVE MODELING, GEOMETRY	E/M/H	JAN 20 - FEB 13
RELA BENCHMARK #2 GRADES 3-8 AND HS STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ELA 9 AND ELA 10	E/M/H	JAN 20 - FEB 13
SCIENCE BENCHMARK #2 GRADES 5 AND 8, STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HS BIOLOGY	E/M/H	JAN 20 - FEB 13
SOCIAL STUDIES BENCHMARK #2 GRADE 8	M	JAN 20 - FEB 13
HS GOVERNMENT BENCHMARK #2 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HS GOVERNMENT	H	JAN 20 - FEB 13
ACCESS for ELs (ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST) MAKE UP TEST ADMINISTRATION WINDOW	E/M/H	FEB 17 - MAR 3
MARYLAND SCHOOL SURVEY - PRIMARY WINDOW	E/M/H	FEB 23 - MAR 27

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MARCH		
ACCESS for ELs (ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST) MAKE UP TEST ADMINISTRATION WINDOW	E/M/H	FEB 17 - MAR 3
MARYLAND SCHOOL SURVEY - PRIMARY WINDOW	E/M/H	FEB 23 - MAR 27
SAT Week -- 11TH GRADERS - ALL HIGH SCHOOLS	H	MAR 2 - MAR 6
MISA (SCIENCE ASSESSMENT) PRIMARY ONLINE TESTING WINDOW GRADES 5 AND 8	E/M	MAR 2 - MAR 13
DLM SCIENCE (ALTERNATIVE MARYLAND SCHOOL ASSESSMENT) GRADES 5, 8, AND 11	E/M/H	MAR 9 - MAY 15
DLM ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT ELA AND MATH GRADES 3-8 AND 11	E/M/H	MAR 9 - MAY 15
MISA (SCIENCE ASSESSMENT) MAKE-UP ONLINE TESTING WINDOW GRADES 5 AND 8	E/M	MAR 16 - MAR 19
SPRING BREAK - SCHOOLS CLOSED	E/M/H	MAR 30 - APRIL 6
END OF THIRD QUARTER (45 DAYS)	E/M/H	MAR 27
SPRING BREAK - SCHOOLS CLOSED	E/M/H	MAR 30 - APRIL 6
APRIL		
DLM SCIENCE (ALTERNATIVE MARYLAND SCHOOL ASSESSMENT) GRADES 5, 8, AND 11	E/M/H	MAR 9 - MAY 15
DLM ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT ELA AND MATH GRADES 3-8 AND 11	E/M/H	MAR 9 - MAY 15
SPRING BREAK - SCHOOLS CLOSED	E/M/H	MAR 30 - APRIL 6
MARYLAND SCHOOL SURVEY - MAKE-UP WINDOW	E/M/H	APR 7- 17
MCAP ASSESSMENTS - ELA 10 AND MATH HIGH SCHOOL END OF COURSE PRIMARY TESTING WINDOW	H	APR 7 - MAY 15
MCAP ASSESSMENTS - GRADES 3-8 ELA AND MATH PRIMARY TESTING WINDOW	E/M	APR 7 - MAY 15
i-Ready - GRADES 4-5 CENSUS TESTING GRADES 6-8 OPTIONAL FOR CENSUS TESTING	E	APR 27 - MAY 29
DIBELS 8 - GRADES K, 1, 2, 3	E	APR 27 - MAY 29
SPRING END OF COURSE (EOC) HSA GOVERNMENT and LS-MISA ADMINISTRATION - PAPER	H	APR 27- MAY 22
SPRING END OF COURSE (EOC) HSA GOVERNMENT and LS-MISA ADMINISTRATION - ONLINE	H	APR 27- MAY 22
MAY		
DLM SCIENCE (ALTERNATIVE MARYLAND SCHOOL ASSESSMENT) GRADES 5, 8, AND 11	E/M/H	MAR 9 - MAY 15
DLM ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT ELA AND MATH GRADES 3-8 AND 11	E/M/H	MAR 9 - MAY 15
MCAP ASSESSMENTS - ELA 10 AND MATH HIGH SCHOOL END OF COURSE PRIMARY TESTING WINDOW	H	APR 7 - MAY 15
MCAP ASSESSMENTS - GRADES 3-8 ELA AND MATH PRIMARY TESTING WINDOW ONLINE/PAPER	E/M	APR 7 - MAY 15
SPRING END OF COURSE (EOC) HSA GOVERNMENT and LS-MISA ADMINISTRATION - PAPER	H	APR 27- MAY 22
SPRING END OF COURSE (EOC) HSA GOVERNMENT and LS-MISA ADMINISTRATION - ONLINE	H	APR 27- MAY 22
i-Ready - GRADES 4-5 CENSUS TESTING GRADES 6-8 OPTIONAL FOR CENSUS TESTING	E	APR 27 - MAY 29
DIBELS 8 - GRADES K, 1, 2, 3	E	APR 27 - MAY 29
MCAP SOCIAL STUDIES 8 PRIMARY TEST ADMINISTRATION WINDOW ONLINE	M	MAY 4 - MAY 15
MCAP ASSESSMENTS - ELA 10 AND MATH HIGH SCHOOL MAKE-UP TESTING WINDOW ONLINE/PAPER	H	MAY 18- MAY 22
MCAP ASSESSMENTS - GRADES 3-8 ELA AND MATH MAKE-UP TESTING WINDOW ONLINE/PAPER	H	MAY 18 - MAY 22

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MAY		
MCAP SOCIAL STUDIES 8 MAKE-UP TEST ADMINISTRATION WINDOW ONLINE/PAPER	M	MAY 18 - MAY 22
MATH BENCHMARK #3 GRADES K-8, ALG 1 AND 2, ACCELERATED, FOUNDATIONS, QUANTITATIVE MODELING, GEOMETRY - <i>OPTIONAL</i>	E/M/H	MAY 18 - JUN 10
RELA BENCHMARK #3 GRADES 3-8 AND HS STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ELA 9 AND ELA 10 - <i>OPTIONAL ADMINISTRATION</i>	E/M/H	MAY 18 - JUN 10
JUNE		
MATH BENCHMARK #3 GRADES K-8, ALG 1 AND 2, ACCELERATED, FOUNDATIONS, QUANTITATIVE MODELING, GEOMETRY - <i>OPTIONAL</i>	E/M/H	MAY 18 - JUN 10
RELA BENCHMARK #3 GRADES 3-8 AND HS STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ELA 9 AND ELA 10 - <i>OPTIONAL ADMINISTRATION</i>	E/M/H	MAY 18 - JUN 10
END OF FOURTH QUARTER (44 DAYS)	E/M/H	JUN 12
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	E/M/H	JUN 12
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS	E/M/H	JUN 16
JULY SUMMER SCHOOL		
SUMMER ASSESSMENT WINDOW - ELA 10 AND ALGEBRA 1	H	JUL 20 - JUL 25
SUMMER END OF COURSE (EOC) WINDOW -- GOVERNMENT AND LS MISA	H	JUL 20 - JUL 25

THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. MSDE MAY ALSO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THEIR CALENDAR OF STATE ASSESSMENTS

Highlighted Rows

Yellow - Required State Assessments

Green - SAT School Week and PSAT 8/9 Week

White- District Assessments

Blue -- End of quarter dates/winter/spring break

NOTES:

This calendar lists all the state and district testing that is done on a census basis.

*i-Ready now includes a census administration for grades 6-8 in the fall.

*PSAT 8/9 administration in middle schools (schools with 8th grade) third week in October. This is an online administration.

*SAT is now designated as a testing window week - each high school selects their day or days to test during this window.

*MCAP Testing windows are established by MSDE-- each county sets their own MCAP testing schedule within the MSDE window.