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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Assessment Testing Dates for 2026-2027

The dates for the 2026-2027 statewide assessment program have been finalized and are being provided for your convenience in building your school calendars and scheduling tests. Please note the following reminders:

1. In an effort to receive the students' reading scores back before school dismisses for the summer, we are requiring districts to test **all** Grade 2 and Grade 3 students on the *ACAP Summative English language arts assessment* during the **first four weeks of the testing window**.
2. *ACT WorkKeys* grade requirements and testing dates could be modified slightly due to potential adjustments to the high school accountability measures.

Please review the Assessment Testing Dates for 2026-2027. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Maggie Hicks, Student Assessment, at (334) 694-4817 or mhicks@alsde.edu.

EGM/MH/NC

Attachment

cc: City and County District Test Coordinators
Mrs. Angela Martin
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Assessment Testing Dates for 2026-2027

<u>Tests</u>	<u>Testing Dates (Windows)</u>
PreACT Secure (Grade 10)	September 28-October 23, 2026
ACT WorkKeys Paper Testing (Grade 12) – Initial	October 14, 2026
ACT WorkKeys Paper Testing with Accommodations/Supports – Initial	October 14-16, 19-23, & 26, 2026
ACT WorkKeys Online Testing	October 14-November 6, 2026
ACT WorkKeys Paper Testing (Grade 12) – Makeup.....	October 28, 2026
ACT WorkKeys Paper Testing with Accommodations/Supports – Make-up.....	October 28-30, & November 2-6, 2026
NAEP (Selected Schools and Grades Only)	TBD
WIDA ACCESS Online.....	January 19-March 12, 2027
WIDA Alternate ACCESS.....	January 19-March 12, 2027
ACT WorkKeys Online Retest (Grade 12)	February 24-March 8, 2027
ACT WorkKeys Paper Accommodations Retest (Grade 12)	February 24-26, March 1-5, & March 8, 2027
ACAP Alternate (Grades 2-8, 10 and 11)	March 1-April 2, 2027
ACT with Writing Paper Testing (Grade 11) – Initial	March 9, 2027
ACT with Writing Paper Testing with Accommodations/Supports – Initial.....	March 9-12 & March 15-19, 2027
ACT with Writing Online Testing – Initial	March 9-12 & March 15-19, 2027
ACAP Summative (Grades 2-8) ***	March 15-April 23, 2027
ACT with Writing Paper Testing (Grade 11) - Make-up.....	April 6, 2027
ACT with Writing Paper Testing with Accommodations/Supports – Make-up	April 6-9 & April 12-16, 2027
ACT with Writing Online Testing – Make-up	April 6-9 & April 12-16, 2027
ACAP Supplemental Reading Test - Window 1	June 21-25, 2027
ACAP Supplemental Reading Test - Window 2	July 19-23, 2027

***Districts are required to test **all** second and third grade students on the ACAP Summative English language arts assessment during the **first four weeks of the ACAP Summative Testing Window (March 15-April 9, 2027)**.