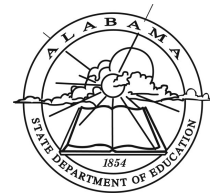




STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

January 9, 2026

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

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Assessment Testing Dates for 2026-2027

Tests

Testing Dates (Windows)

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

Dates are Subject to Change