




STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

December 17, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education  
**FROM:** Eric G. Mackey   
State Superintendent of Education  
**RE:** Student Assessment Updates and Reminders

The dates for the 2020-2021 statewide assessment program were provided in a memorandum dated December 4, 2019, and updated on June 19, 2020. In an effort to support districts with issues around COVID-19, adjustments have been made to selected assessment windows for spring 2021 testing. For your reference, a few updates and reminders are included within this memo.

1. Testing windows that have been adjusted include the following:

Assessment	Adjusted Window
NAEP	Postponed Until 2022
PreACT	February 1 – 19, 2021
ACAP Alternate	March 1 – April 16, 2021
ACAP Summative	March 15 – April 30, 2021
ACT with Writing (Emergency Window)	See attachment

2. *ACT with Writing* will continue to be used as the accountability measurement for high school. Beginning in 2020-2021, **new** Alabama ACT Accountability benchmarks will be utilized that incorporate math, English language arts (English, reading, and writing), and science.

Alabama ACT Accountability Benchmarks 2020-2021				
Subject	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
ELA	1-13	14-18	19-22	23-36
Math	1-15	16-18	19-24	25-36
Science	1-15	16-19	20-25	26-36

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Maggie Hicks at (334) 694-4817 or via email at [mhicks@alsde.edu](mailto:mhicks@alsde.edu).

EGM/MH

Attachment

cc: City and County System Test Coordinators

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## 2021 SPRING TESTING DATES

<u>Tests</u>	<u>Testing Dates (Windows)</u>
<i>PreACT – Emergency</i> .....	February 1 – 19, 2021
<i>ACT WorkKeys Emergency Paper Testing Option</i> .....	February 24, 2021
<i>ACT WorkKeys Emergency Paper Testing with Accommodations/Supports</i> .....	February 24 – March 8, 2021
<i>ACT WorkKeys Emergency Online Testing Option</i> .....	February 1 – March 8, 2021
<i>ACT WorkKeys Retest Paper Testing Option</i> .....	April 14, 2021
<i>ACT WorkKeys Retest Paper Testing with Accommodations/Supports Option</i> .....	April 14 - 16 & 19 - 26, 2021
<i>ACT WorkKeys Retest Online Testing Option</i> .....	April 14 -16 & 19 - 26, 2021
<i>NAEP (Selected Schools and Grades Only)</i> .....	Postponed Until 2022
<i>ACCESS for ELLs (Online)</i> .....	January 19 – March 19, 2021
<i>Alternate ACCESS for ELLs</i> .....	January 19 – March 19, 2021
<i>ACT with Writing Paper Testing – Initial (Window 1)</i> .....	March 9, 2021
<i>ACT with Writing Paper Testing with Accommodations/Supports – Initial</i> .....	March 9-12 & March 15-19, 2021
<i>ACT with Writing Online Testing – Initial</i> .....	March 9-11 & 16-18, 2021
<i>ACT with Writing Paper Testing – Make-up (Window 2)</i> .....	April 6, 2021
<i>ACT with Writing Paper Testing with Accommodations/Supports – Make-up</i> .....	April 6-9 & 12-16, 2021
<i>ACT with Writing Online Testing – Make-up</i> .....	April 6-8 & 13-15, 2021
<i>ACT with Writing Paper Testing – Emergency (Window 3)</i> .....	April 20, 2021
<i>ACT with Writing Paper Testing with Accommodations/Supports – Emergency</i> .....	April 20-23 & 26-30, 2021
<i>ACT with Writing Online Testing – Emergency</i> .....	April 20-22 & 27-29, 2021
<i>ACAP Alternate (Grades 2-8, 10 and 11)</i> .....	March 1 – April 16, 2021
<i>ACAP Summative (Grades 2-8)</i> .....	March 15 – April 30, 2021

**Dates are Subject to Change**