



# Test Coordinator Monthly Webinar

May 20, 2026

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# Agenda for May 20, 2026

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# Test Coordinator Monthly Webinars

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- **Details:**

- **WHO:** district and school test coordinators, special education directors, EL directors, data managers, technology coordinators
- **WHAT:** pertinent information about state assessments, including monthly tasks, to support schools and LEAs in a successful test administration year
- **REGISTRATION:** the link to register for the entire series can be found at [www.ride.ri.gov/TC](http://www.ride.ri.gov/TC).

- **Webinar Calendar (10:00-11:00am)**

June 10, 2026



# Assessment Reminders

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# Medical Exemptions/Test Irregularities

## Medical Exemptions:

Before a medical exemption request is submitted, please review the student's enrollment and attendance records. The criteria for a medical exemption requires the student to have a medical status that does not allow them to participate in instruction. Enrollment and attendance records are reviewed by RIDE once the exemption is submitted. Exemptions are not approved and are sent back to the district when the student:

- has no recorded absences,
- has absence codes that indicate they are receiving instruction, or
- enrollment records do not match what is being reported in the request.



**Reminder - the test windows for DLM, math, and NGSA are still open. The make-up windows can be used to test these students if their medical condition allows.**

## Test Irregularities:

District Test Coordinators should monitor the **State Assessment Irregularity Application** throughout each day to ensure that all reports are completed and sent to RIDE by the end of the day in which the incident occurred. All reports that are "in progress" must be completed and sent to RIDE for resolution to be returned.

# Test Updates and Closing Tasks for 2025-26 State Assessments

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# RICAS 2026-27 Updates

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## Released Items:

- There **will** be ELA and Math released items from the 2026 RICAS administration. This will include ELA released essay reports and math constructed responses. 2026 released items can be found on <https://ricas.cognia.org/item-catalog> and in the RICAS Portal in mid summer. Released items from years previous to 2023 should be available in the item catalog this summer. Thank you for your patience as the catalog is rebuilt.

## Individual Score Reports (ISRs):

- Paper ISRs are being phased out. For the 2026 RICAS administration, schools will be provided **one** printed paper ISR for each student this October instead of two. The printed copy should be sent home to parents, and an additional copy should be made for the student's record.
- There will be NO paper ISRs provided starting in October 2027. ***All ISRs will need to be accessed electronically on the RICAS Portal.*** Districts should begin to plan and practice strategies for sharing the electronic ISRs with families in preparation for this change.

# RICAS Close Out

State testing window ends **Wednesday, May 27th**

Data as of 5/19/26

Content	Assigned	Complete	Percent
ELA	58,644	57,402	98%
Math	57,978/1340	56,272/1044	97%/78%

Thank You

- After the state testing window closes, notify Technology Coordinator that all testing is done:
  - Purge cached test content
  - **Uninstall RICAS Kiosk from student devices**
- Review enrollment for accuracy.
- Principal completes the Principal Certification of Proper Administration (PCPA) through RICAS Service Center by **May 30th**



- Destroy/shred secure student testing tickets, proctor testing tickets, and anything with student writing (used scratch paper, reference sheets).
- Recycle unused non-secure test materials.
- Keep all records (training sign-in sheets, affirmations of test security, PCPA, etc.) on file at the school for 3 years.



# Preparing Materials For Return

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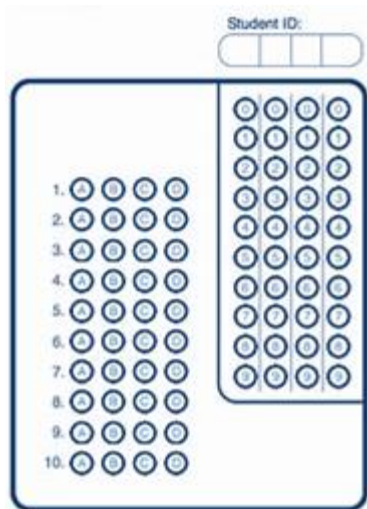
1. **Verify** that front covers of test and answer booklets contain correct student information, and complete confidential student information on back covers.
2. **Count** the number of used standard test/answer booklets you are returning, separately for each subject. *In your counts, make sure to include the following:*
  - standard test/answer booklets containing typed responses
  - standard test/answer booklets in which responses have been transcribed
3. **Count** the materials you are returning and complete the “Qty Returned” column on the Materials Summary for each subject separately.
4. **Place** all other used and unused booklets (except for Braille) in the Return Envelope marked with the corresponding subject and place envelopes in box.



# Preparing Paper Materials For Return

Ensure a used standard test/answer booklet was assigned to the following students:

- students who participated in one or both test sessions for a subject area test
- students with a medical exemption application submitted and pending

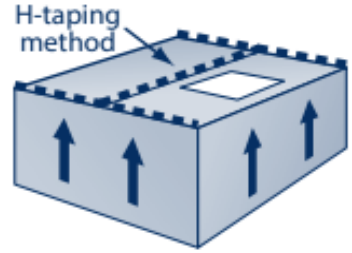


Ensure all unused booklets are returned, including the following: *(If assigned, make sure the “void test/answer booklet” circle is filled in on the outside back cover of each booklet, and that “VOID” is written in large letters across the front cover.)*

- students who were **absent or refused** testing for both the test sessions in the booklet
- students who **transferred** into or out of your school during the testing window and who **did not participate** in either test session in that booklet
- students in alternate placement who were **removed from your school’s enrollment** and did not participate in any test sessions in the booklet
- For **ELA, first-year MLL students** who did not participate

# Packing Materials

- Schedule UPS pickup (*Last day to schedule a UPS pickup is **June 2, 2026.***)
  - **Clarification on Scheduling a Math PBT UPS Pickup:** To schedule a UPS pickup, log into the RICAS Service Center and choose "**UPS Pickup Request**". You will need the original RS tracking number found on the return service label that was included in your PBT shipment (not the REF number at the bottom of the label). If you are unable to successfully schedule a pickup on the Service Center, please call 855-222-8936. Tests should only be returned via **UPS**, scheduled through Cognia. Tests should never be sent through the United States Postal Service.
- **Call the RICAS Service Center immediately (855-222-8936) if your cartons are not picked up as scheduled.**
  - *Please note that the RICAS Service Center will be closing at **4:00 pm** on **May 22nd** and **May 25th** is **Memorial Day**. If possible, schedule pick up before May 22nd to ensure enough time to contact the RICAS Service Center before the deadline if your cartons are not picked up as scheduled.*



# NGSA (Next Generation Science Assessment)

**NGSA Make up Testing Window is May 18 – 29 (eight school days left).**

NGSA Test Coordinator's Manual, page 9, Test Coordinator's checklist,

1. Retain the following for three years:
  - Tracking sheets
  - Materials related to accommodations (unique accommodations requests, refusal forms, etc.)
  - Test administration training records
  - Documentation of medical exemptions (forms 2 and 3)
2. Securely destroy the following paper materials: test tickets, scratch paper, any items (print-on-demand, embossed braille, etc.), rosters with student information, etc.
3. **CRITICAL:** Ensure Test Administrators submit student responses through the Data Entry Interface for braille, standard paper, and large print paper tests. *Tests will not be scored if this isn't complete.*

# How to run a Test Completion Report for NGSA

Monitoring Test Progress

Plan and Manage Testing

State Dashboard

Test Session Status Report

**1** Test Completion Rates

Participation Search By SSID

State Participation Counts

Running the report by school is also an option.

Select all test options to ensure all students are included in the report.

### Test Completion Rates

Use this page to view test completion rates. [More Info](#)

Report Criteria

Report \*

District Test Completion Rates

1 Select District\*

Test

NGSA

Administration

2025-2026

Test Name \*

3 All selected (21)

Additional Options

4 By Scoring Combo

Export Report 5

# NGSA Test Completion Report



Test Name	District ID	District Name	Opportunity	Total Student	Total Student Started	Total Student Completed	Percent Started	Percent Completed	ScoringCombo	TestType
Grade 11 Science	0	RI District		175	161	145	92.00%	82.86%	Grade 11 Science	Scoring Combo
Grade 11 Session 1	0	RI District	1	175	161	148	92.00%	84.57%	Grade 11 Science	Component Test
Grade 11 Session 2	0	RI District	1	78	61	61	78.21%	78.21%	Grade 11 Science	Component Test
Grade 11 Science - Spanish	0	RI District		115	108	29	93.91%	25.22%	Grade 11 Science - Spanish	Scoring Combo
Grade 11 Spanish Session 1	0	RI District	1	115	33	31	28.70%	26.96%	Grade 11 Science - Spanish	Component Test
Grade 11 Spanish Session 2	0	RI District	1	115	105	105	91.30%	91.30%	Grade 11 Science - Spanish	Component Test
Grade 5 Science	0	RI District		120	117	113	97.50%	94.17%	Grade 5 Science	Scoring Combo
Grade 5 Session 1	0	RI District	1	120	117	115	97.50%	95.83%	Grade 5 Science	Component Test
Grade 5 Session 2	0	RI District	1	120	115	114	95.83%	95.00%	Grade 5 Science	Component Test
Grade 5 Science - Spanish	0	RI District		34	32	32	94.12%	94.12%	Grade 5 Science - Spanish	Scoring Combo
Grade 5 Spanish Session 1	0	RI District	1	34	32	32	94.12%	94.12%	Grade 5 Science - Spanish	Component Test
Grade 5 Spanish Session 2	0	RI District	1	34	32	32	94.12%	94.12%	Grade 5 Science - Spanish	Component Test
Grade 8 Science	0	RI District		159	153	153	96.23%	96.23%	Grade 8 Science	Scoring Combo
Grade 8 Session 1	0	RI District	1	159	153	153	96.23%	96.23%	Grade 8 Science	Component Test
Grade 8 Session 2	0	RI District	1	159	153	153	96.23%	96.23%	Grade 8 Science	Component Test
Grade 8 Science - Spanish	0	RI District		22	22	19	100.00%	86.36%	Grade 8 Science - Spanish	Scoring Combo
Grade 8 Spanish Session 1	0	RI District	1	22	20	20	90.91%	90.91%	Grade 8 Science - Spanish	Component Test
Grade 8 Spanish Session 2	0	RI District	1	22	22	21	100.00%	95.45%	Grade 8 Science - Spanish	Component Test

To find the percentage of students who completed their NGSA tests, use the SCORING COMBO rows and add the TOTAL STUDENT columns and the TOTAL STUDENT COMPLETED rows.

Grade 11: 174 total student completed / 290 total students = 60.0% completion rate

# DLM (Dynamic Learning Maps)

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- **Testing window ends Friday, May 29. There are 8 school days remaining.**
- Emails will be sent to districts if testing is not yet complete.
- **Monitor your testing completion in Kite Educator Portal:**
  - In Kite Educator Portal, click on REPORTS, then DATA EXTRACTS, then in the TEST ADMINISTRATION and MONITORING tab, click on NEW FILE next to the *DLM Test Administration Monitoring* report. Click OK.
    - Don't need to select your district or school – the report will automatically include all schools for which you have access.
- **What to do if you have problems during testing?**
  - Call the DLM Help Desk (855-277-9751) or use the Live Chat feature in KITE EP.

# Outplacement School Completion

RIDE continues to try to reach out to outplacement schools to ensure that they are completing the RI state assessments and we would like your help. If you have a student attending one of the following schools, please reach out to ensure that they have completed testing. *Only schools who have not begun testing for DLM and/or NGSA are listed below.*

- Brandon Day School and Residential Treatment Center
- Center for Applied Behavioral Instruction (CABI)
- Cornerstone School
- Easterseals (Gammon Academy)
- Eleanor Briggs School
- George N. Hunt School
- Glenhaven Academy
- Hillcrest Educational Center
- Keough Memorial Academy
- Pelham Academy
- Perkins School for the Blind
- Stetson School
- Strides Academy
- Swansea Wood School
- The Deaconess Home School
- The Grace School
- The Wolf School
- VPI Bennington
- Walden Street School (JRI)
- Walker School



# Preparing for Assessment Reporting

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# WIDA ACCESS & Alternate ACCESS

## Reporting Timeline:

- **Now:** Online reports available in [WIDA AMS](#)
- **Now:** Scores loaded into MLL Census
- **May 22:** Printed reports arrive in district
- **Late August/early September:** data available through the Student Data Portal (SDP)
- **Fall:** Public release via the Assessment Data Portal (ADP)

## Score Report and ACCESS data details:

- Individual Student Reports (ISRs) must be provided to families within one month of the LEAs receiving the paper copies.
- ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS performance levels may be used to make individual placement and exiting decisions at this time.
- Use of aggregate results should wait until data is loaded into the SDP. The SDP contains other contextual information to help interpret results.

# WIDA ACCESS

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## Interpreting WIDA ACCESS scores in 2025-26

As a reminder, 2026 WIDA ACCESS and WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten tests were redesigned following field testing over the last few years. Standard setting will take place in summer 2026 with MLL educators from across the WIDA Consortium, including Rhode Island.

### What does this mean for spring 2026 results?

- **Performance levels (PLs)** reflect the old proficiency cut scores. PLs may be used to exit students and make placement decisions. PLs may be compared with previous years PLs.
- **Scale scores** are new and may NOT be compared with previous years scale scores. You should treat 2026 ACCESS scales cores as a new baseline to measure future growth against.

# WIDA ACCESS Sample Student Roster



**WIDA ACCESS™**  
English Language Proficiency Test

District: WIDA Us  
School: Training Rep  
Grade: 06

Do not use  
2026 scale  
scores

Use 2026  
Proficiency  
Levels for  
exiting and  
instructional  
placement

## Student Roster Report — 2026

STUDENT NAME STATE STUDENT ID	Tier	Cluster	Listening		Speaking		Reading		Writing		Oral Language <sup>A</sup>		Literacy <sup>B</sup>		Comprehension <sup>C</sup>		Overall Score <sup>D</sup>	
			Scale Score	Prof Level	Scale Score	Prof Level	Scale Score	Prof Level	Scale Score	Prof Level	Scale Score	Prof Level	Scale Score	Prof Level	Scale Score	Prof Level	Scale Score	Prof Level
Jimenez, Carlos 11124616	A	6-8	320	2.6	399	4.6	382	5.0	272	2.1	360	3.9	327	3.0	363	3.6	337	3.3
Jimenez, Gabriela 22124616	A	6-8	NA	NA	399	4.6	382	5.0	312	3.2	NA	NA	347	3.5	NA	NA	357	3.8
Jimenez, Isabella 13124616	A	6-8	320	2.6	358	3.9	382	5.0	312	3.2	339	3.4	347	3.5	363	3.6	345	3.5
Jimenez, Maria 12124616	A	6-8	320	2.6	399	4.6	382	5.0	272	2.1	360	3.9	327	3.0	363	3.6	337	3.3
Jimenez, Walter 14124616	A	6-8	320	2.6	358	3.9	382	5.0	330	3.5	339	3.4	356	3.7	363	3.6	351	3.6
Nguyen, Carlos 11092968	BC	6-8	511	6.0	304	2.8	574	6.0	286	2.6	408	5.2	430	6.0	555	6.0	423	6.0
Nguyen, Gabriela 22092968	BC	6-8	524	6.0	304	2.8	NA	NA	312	3.2	414	5.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	367	4.0
Nguyen, Isabella 13092968	BC	6-8	524	6.0	397	4.6	580	6.0	486	6.0	461	6.0	533	6.0	563	6.0	511	6.0
Nguyen, Maria 12092968	BC	6-8	524	6.0	304	2.8	580	6.0	486	6.0	414	5.4	533	6.0	563	6.0	497	6.0
Nguyen, Pablo 21092968		6-8	524	6.0														
Nguyen, Walter 14092968	BC	6-8	511	6.0	304	2.8	574	6.0	310	3.1	408	5.2	442	6.0	555	6.0	432	6.0
Patel, Carlos 11123127	A	6-8	180	1.3	192	1.4	180	1.0	330	3.5	186	1.3	255	1.6	180	1.1	234	1.5
Patel, Isabella 13123127	A	6-8	180	1.3	192	1.4	180	1.0	352	3.8	186	1.3	266	1.7	180	1.1	242	1.6
Patel, Maria 12123127	A	6-8	180	1.3	192	1.4	180	1.0	272	2.1	186	1.3	226	1.4	180	1.1	214	1.4
Patel, Walter 14123127	A	6-8	180	1.3	192	1.4	180	1.0	296	2.9	186	1.3	238	1.5	180	1.1	222	1.4
Patel, Walter Pablo Eduardo Christopher Carlos Wilem James Richard		6-8					180	1.0										

Overall Scores are computed when all 4 domains have been completed  
NA – Not available = Student Booklet is marked with a Non-Scoring Code of Absent, Invalidate, Declined or Deferred Special Education/504

A – Oral Language = 50% Listening + 50% Speaking  
B – Literacy = 50% Reading + 50% Writing  
C – Comprehension = 70% Reading + 30% Listening  
D – Overall Score = 35% Reading + 35% Writing + 15% Listening + 15% Speaking

# MLL Census '2026 ACCESS and Alt ACCESS Results'

- Students in grades K-12 with an Overall Performance Level of **4.8 or above** on **ACCESS** are highlighted in green.
- Students in tested grades 3-8, 10, 11 with an Overall Performance Level between 4.5 and 4.7 on **ACCESS** are highlighted in pink.
  - These students may exit MLL status if they achieve a proficiency score on a state ELA assessment (RICAS, PSAT10, or SAT School Day) at 'meets' or exceeds' (Level 3 or 4) in 2026.
- **New in 2026:** Students in grades K-12 with an Overall Performance Level of **4 or above** on **Alternate ACCESS** are highlighted in green.

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### 2024 ACCESS and Alt ACCESS Results

This report displays 2024 ACCESS and Alt ACCESS results for your active students.

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Notes:

- Students with an Overall score of 4.8 or above on the 2024 ACCESS assessment are highlighted in green.
- Students in tested grades 3-8, 10, 11 with an Overall score between 4.5 and 4.7 on the 2024 ACCESS assessment are highlighted in pink. These students may exit MLL status if they have achieved a proficiency score on a state English Language Arts assessment (RICAS, PSAT10, or SAT School Day) at 'meets' or 'exceeds' (Level 3 or 4) in that same year.
- Alt ACCESS results are not yet available.

[Download to Excel](#)

School Code	SASID	Last Name	First Name	Tested Grade	Overall Score	Literacy Score	Comprehension Score	Listen Score	Speak Score	Read Score	Write Score	Oral Score
35114	100000	LastName	FirstName	K	5.0	4.3	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.0	4.1	6.0
35119	100000	LastName	FirstName	K	4.8	4.0	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.0	3.8	6.0
35101	100000	LastName	FirstName	3	4.7	4.8	6.0	6.0	3.2	6.0	4.1	4.4
35121	100000	LastName	FirstName	3	4.5	4.7	5.8	5.7	3.2	5.8	4.4	3.9
35121	100000	LastName	FirstName	4	4.7	4.4	5.7	6.0	4.2	4.5	4.3	5.3
35138	100000	LastName	FirstName	8	4.5	4.1	5.6	6.0	4.5	4.3	4.1	5.5
35138	100000	LastName	FirstName	10	4.7	5.0	6.0	6.0	2.6	6.0	4.2	4.3
35142	100000	LastName	FirstName	5	4.5	4.3	6.0	6.0	3.1	4.4	4.2	5.0
35142	100000	LastName	FirstName	6	4.5	4.1	5.7	6.0	4.4	5.1	4.0	5.1
35142	100000	LastName	FirstName	5	4.5	4.3	5.4	6.0	4.1	4.5	4.2	4.8
35101	100000	LastName	FirstName	3	3.7	3.5	5.6	5.2	3.8	5.8	3.0	4.2
35101	100000	LastName	FirstName	1	3.1	2.4	3.7	6.0	3.8	2.5	2.3	4.6
35101	100000	LastName	FirstName	4	4.3	4.3	5.6	6.0	3.5	5.4	4.0	4.3
35101	100000	LastName	FirstName	1	2.6	2.4	3.2	3.6	2.8	3.0	2.0	3.1
35101	100000	LastName	FirstName	1	3.0	3.3	4.0	2.6	2.0	5.3	2.7	2.2
35101	100000	LastName	FirstName	3	3.9	4.3	5.2	3.5	3.2	6.0	3.8	3.3
35101	100000	LastName	FirstName	1	4.2	3.9	6.0	6.0	3.6	6.0	3.4	4.9
35101	100000	LastName	FirstName	K	1.4	1.0	1.4	5.7	4.0	1.0	1.0	4.4

# SAT/PSAT 10 Score Reports

<https://k12reports.collegeboard.org/>

## Educator Access

Score Release	Testing Window	Date
Educator K12 Portal Score Release (includes ISR)	March 23-27	4/14/2026
Educator Electronic Score Release Data File in K12 Portal	March 23-27	4/22/2026
Educator K12 Portal Score Release (includes ISR)	March 30-April 10	4/28/2026
Educator Electronic Score Release Data File in K12 Portal	March 30-April 10	5/6/2026
Educator K12 Portal Score Release (includes ISR)	April 13-17	5/12/2026
Educator Electronic Score Release Data File in Portal	April 13-17	5/20/2026

*Data from all testing dates is now available in the College Board K12 Reporting Portal. Please remember that the data in the K12 Reporting Portal has not been cleaned and is **not official accountability data**; aggregate data should be viewed with caution.*



## Student Access

Score Release	Testing Window	Date
Student Score Release	March 23-27	4/16/2026
Student Score Release	March 30-April 10	4/30/2026
Student Score Release	April 13-17	5/14/2026

# Individual Student Reports (ISR)

Test	Date		Online Location
	Paper (mailed)	Online	
ACCESS & Alternate ACCESS	May 22, 2026	Available now	<a href="#">WIDA AMS</a>
DLM	September 9, 2026	July 22, 2026	<a href="#">Educator Portal</a>
RICAS	Fall 2026	Fall 2026	<a href="#">RICAS Portal</a>
PSAT 10	N/A	Available now	<a href="#">College Board K-12 Reporting Portal</a>
SAT	N/A	Available now	<a href="#">College Board K-12 Reporting Portal</a>
NGSA	September 16, 2026	June 1, 2026	<a href="#">NGSA Reporting Portal</a>

# Preparing for 2026-27 State Assessments

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# 2026-27 Test Coordinator Monthly Webinars

**Details:**

- **Who:** district and school test coordinators, special education directors, EL directors, data managers, technology coordinators
- **What:** pertinent information about state assessments, including monthly tasks, to support schools and LEAs in a successful test administration year
- **When:** Once a month on **Wednesdays** from **10:00-11:00 AM**

• **Registration:**

Registration 1 (September-November)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_v00IH9HbTx6ZPkzEGAhEhg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v00IH9HbTx6ZPkzEGAhEhg)

Registration 2 (Dec-June)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_yBuf\\_6BERvOTMoKkk92MSQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yBuf_6BERvOTMoKkk92MSQ)

Monthly Test Coordinator Calendar (Wednesdays at 10:00 AM)	
September 16, 2026	February 10, 2027
October 21, 2026	March 10, 2027
November 18, 2026	April 14, 2027
December 9, 2026	May 12, 2027
January 13, 2027	June 9, 2027

# 2026-2027 State Assessment Calendar: Elementary & Middle School

State testing windows are posted at [www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment-Schedules](http://www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment-Schedules)

Test	Content Area(s)	Grades	Primary Test Window	Makeup Test Window
WIDA ACCESS	ELP	K-12	January 4 – February 12, 2027	February 15 – February 26, 2027
WIDA Alternate ACCESS	ELP	K-12	January 4 – February 12, 2027	February 15 – February 26, 2027
RICAS	ELA	3-8	March 22 – April 9, 2027	April 12 – April 16, 2027
	Math	3-8	April 26 – May 14, 2027	May 17 – May 21, 2027
DLM	ELA, Math Science	3-8 5, 8, 11	March 29 – May 28, 2027	
NGSA	Science	5, 8, 11	April 26 – May 14, 2027	May 17 – May 28, 2027
NAEP	<i>See following slide.</i>			

# 2026-2027 State Assessment Calendar: High School

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Test	Content Area(s)	Grades	Primary Test Window	Makeup Test Window
WIDA ACCESS	ELP	K-12	January 4 – February 12, 2027	February 15 – February 26, 2027
WIDA Alternate ACCESS	ELP	K-12	January 4 – February 12, 2027	February 15 – February 26, 2027
DLM	ELA, Math Science	3-8, 11 5, 8, 11	March 29 – May 28, 2027	
PSAT 10	Reading, Math	10	March 22 – April 9, 2027	April 12 – April 16, 2027
RI SAT School Day	Reading, Math	11	March 22 – April 9, 2027	April 12 – April 16, 2027
NGSA	Science	5, 8, 11	April 26 – May 14, 2027	May 17 – May 28, 2027

# 2026-2027 State Assessment Calendar: NAEP

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Test	Content Area(s)	Grades/Ages	Test Window Opens	Test Window Closes
NAEP Pilot	Science	Grade 8	January 25, 2027	March 19, 2027

- *Not all schools will be selected for every test. More information will be available at the beginning of the school year.*

# RICAS 2026-2027 NEW ELA Test Design

The **2027 ELA RICAS assessment** will include the new operational test design.

For more information, visit (DESE's website) [ela-new-test-design.docx](#).

# New 2027 RICAS ELA Test Design

## Summary of Changes:

- There will no longer be 2-point selected response (SR) questions. **All SR items will now be worth 1 point.**
  - Receiving partial points on an item with part A and part B will no longer be an option; both parts will need to be answered correctly to get the point for that item.
- **Narrative *writing*** will no longer be assessed on RICAS.
- All ELA tests will now be worth **50 points**.
- Grades 3-5 will no longer have "**Constructed Response**" Or "**Essay**" questions. *(more info on new ER item below and on next slide)*
  - **NEW Extended Response writing** item will be worth a total of **5 points**.
    - This item type will assess both Writing and Language standards.
    - The rubric for this item will be available sometime next Winter.

# New 2027 RICAS ELA Test Design

## New ER (Extended Response) question:

Each Extended Response (ER) question will be worth 5 points and scored on both *written expression* and *conventions* as follows:

- Written expression will be worth up to three points and will align to writing standard 1 or 2 and writing standard 4.
- Conventions will be worth up to two points and will align to language standards 1, 2, and 3.

The expected length of extended responses (ER) are as follows:

- Grade 3: **one paragraph** in length or 450 words
- Grades 4-5: **one to two paragraphs** in length or 450 words
- Grades 6-8: **one to two paragraphs** in length or 600 word

Grade	Number of SR items (1 point)	Number of ER items (5 points)	Number of ES items (8 points)
3-5	40	2	NA
6-8	37	1	1

# New 2027 RICAS ELA Test Design

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The ELA test will include passage-based questions and **stand-alone items**.

- **Stand-alone items will assess the grade-level language standards, including standard English grammar, mechanics, and usage.** Stand-alone questions will be independent and **not associated with a passage**.
- There will be three types of passage sets of various lengths: long, **medium**, and short.
- Long and medium passage sets will each include a writing component; **short passage sets will not include writing**.
  - Gr. 6-8: 1 essay and 1 extended response
    - Gr. 6-8 Essays will assess **explanatory** or **argument** writing
    - **Essays** are expected to be **4-5 paragraphs** in length (1200 words)
- More test questions will be associated with long and medium passage sets, and **fewer questions will be associated with short passage sets**.

# Reference Information

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# State Assessments by Grade Level

	Alternate Assessments			General Education Assessments					
Grade Tested	WIDA Alternate ACCESS	DLM	DLM	WIDA ACCESS	NGSA	RICAS	PSAT10	SAT	NAEP
	<i>ELP</i>	<i>ELA &amp; Math</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>ELP</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>ELA &amp; Math</i>	<i>ELA &amp; Math</i>	<i>ELA &amp; Math</i>	
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1	1			1					
2	2			2					
3	3	3		3		3			
4	4	4		4		4			4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5			
6	6	6		6		6			
7	7	7		7		7			
8	8	8	8	8	8	8			8
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10	10			10			10		
11	11	11	11	11	11			11	
12	12			12					12

# Primary RIDE Website Resources

Webpage Name	Contents	Link
RISAP Test Coordinator Information	Updates, memo archives, monthly webinar registration link and recording/presentation archive, help desk and general RISAP information.	<a href="https://ride.ri.gov/TC">https://ride.ri.gov/TC</a>
Assessment Schedules	State testing windows for all assessments	<a href="http://www.ride.ri.gov/assessment-schedules">www.ride.ri.gov/assessment-schedules</a>
Assessment Manuals & Materials	Manuals, guides, and links to assessment websites to support administration, training requirements and resources for test coordinators and test administrators, training calendar	<a href="https://ride.ri.gov/assessment-manuals">https://ride.ri.gov/assessment-manuals</a>
Assessment Accommodations	Accommodations and Accessibility Features Manual, assessment-specific resources	<a href="http://www.ride.ri.gov/Accommodations">www.ride.ri.gov/Accommodations</a>
Assessment Exemptions	Information about medical exemptions	<a href="http://www.ride.ri.gov/assessment-exemptions">www.ride.ri.gov/assessment-exemptions</a>
Assessment Results	Assessment reporting website resources and archive	<a href="http://www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment-Results">www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment-Results</a>
Released Items / Practice Tests	Released items, practice tests, and other resources	<a href="http://www.ride.ri.gov/Released-Items">www.ride.ri.gov/Released-Items</a>

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