



2025-2026 State Assessment Program Testing Schedule

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State testing schedules are posted online at www.ride.ri.gov/assessment-schedules. Information on state assessments for test coordinators and others involved in preparing for state assessments can be found at www.ride.ri.gov/tc. Please direct any questions to assessment@ride.ri.gov.

Test	Content Area(s)	Grades	Primary Test Window <i>Makeup testing <u>can</u> be completed during the primary window.</i>	Makeup Test Window <i>Primary testing <u>may not</u> be scheduled during the makeup window.</i>
WIDA ACCESS www.ride.ri.gov/access	English language proficiency	K-12	Jan. 5 – Feb. 13, 2026	Feb. 16 – March 6, 2026
WIDA Alternate ACCESS www.ride.ri.gov/access	English language proficiency	K-12	Jan. 5 – Feb. 13, 2026	Feb. 16 – March 6, 2026
RICAS <i>Rhode Island Common Assessment Program</i> www.ride.ri.gov/ricas	ELA	3-8	March 23 – April 10, 2026	April 13 – April 28, 2026
	Math	3-8	April 27 – May 15, 2026	May 18 – May 27, 2026
DLM <i>Dynamic Learning Maps: alternate assessments</i> www.ride.ri.gov/DLM	ELA	3-8, 11	March 30 – May 29, 2026	N/A
	Math	3-8, 11	March 30 – May 29, 2026	N/A
	Science	5, 8, 11	March 30 – May 29, 2026	N/A
PSAT 10 www.ride.ri.gov/SAT-PSAT	ELA, math	10	March 23 – April 10, 2026	April 13 – April 17, 2026
SAT www.ride.ri.gov/SAT-PSAT	ELA, math	11	March 23 – April 10, 2026	April 13 – April 17, 2026
NGSA <i>Next Generation Science Assessment</i> www.ride.ri.gov/ngsa	Science	5, 8, 11	April 27 – May 15, 2026	May 18 – May 29, 2026

Test	Content Area(s)	Grades	Test Window Opens	Test Window Closes
NAEP https://nces.ed.gov	Reading, math	4, 8	January 26, 2026	March 20, 2026
	Civics & U.S. History	8		
NAEP Pilot	Reading, math	4, 8, 12	January 26, 2026	March 20, 2026

*Not all schools will be selected to participate in every test.
NAEP: National Assessment of Educational Progress

BEST PRACTICES FOR SELECTING YOUR SCHOOL AND DISTRICT TESTING WINDOWS

1. Determine how many staff you will need *before* selecting your testing window.
2. Use as much of the state testing window as possible. Even if your school testing window is over, if you are within the state assessment window, you can continue testing.
3. Plan to test 100% of students in each content area.
4. Start as early in the state testing window as possible. All primary testing must be completed in this testing window.
5. Primary testing may not be completed during the makeup window.
6. For PSAT and SAT:
 - Schedule your Digital Readiness session *before the primary testing days*. This will help you identify technology issues and will familiarize staff and students with the testing platform.
 - Activities/schedules for non-tested grades may need to be approved by the superintendent so make requests *before* January 2026. This will give you time to develop and get approval for new plans.