



2026–2027 Preliminary General Assessment Calendar

DESE provides a statewide student assessment system to be administered by Arkansas public schools on a schedule determined by the State Board. All students enrolled in a public school district shall participate in the statewide student assessment system.

KEY ATLAS K-2/3 ATLAS 3-10/EOC DLM ELPA21/Alt ELPA Other

Test	Testing Window	Grade(s)
ATLAS K-3 Beginning of Year (BOY) Literacy Screener	July 21, 2026 – December 18, 2026 Schools should screen during the first 30 days.	K–3
ATLAS K-2 Beginning of Year (BOY) Math Screener	July 21, 2026 – April 9, 2027 Schools should screen during the first 30 days.	K-2
ATLAS K-2 Interim 1	October 12, 2026 - October 30, 2026	K-2
ATLAS K-2 Interim 2	January 25, 2027 – February 12, 2027	K-2

Test	Testing Window	Grade(s)
ATLAS K-2 Summative	May 3, 2027 – June 4, 2027	K-2
ATLAS 3-10 & EOC Interim 1	August 10, 2026 - September 11, 2026	3-HS
ATLAS 3-10 & EOC Interim 2	November 9, 2026 - December 11, 2026	3-HS
ATLAS EOC Fall Summative	December 1, 2026 – December 18, 2026 Students who have completed at least 75% of an EOC eligible course (Algebra I, Geometry, or Biology).	Qualifying students enrolled in eligible EOCs
ATLAS 3-10 & EOC Summative	May 3, 2027 – June 4, 2027	3-HS
ATLAS Grade 3 Summative ELA Retake	June 7, 2027- June 30, 2027 3rd Grade Promotion Purposes ONLY	3
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	September 7, 2026 – December 18, 2026 Fall Instructionally Embedded Window	Qualifying students in 3–10 (math & ELA); and 3-8 & 10 (science)
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	February 1, 2027 – April 30, 2027 Spring Instructionally Embedded Window	Qualifying students in 3–10 (math & ELA); and 3-8 & 10 (science)
ELPA21 and ALT ELPA Screener	July 21, 2026 – June 30, 2027	K-12
ALT ELPA Summative	February 1, 2027 – March 26, 2027	K-12
ELPA21 Summative	March 1, 2027 – April 9, 2027	K-12
Arkansas Civics Exam	July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027	9-12

2026- 2027 Preliminary College & Career Readiness Assessment Calendar

To ensure every Arkansas student is prepared for success after high school—whether through enrollment in college, enlistment in the military, or direct employment. Staff should review individual *Student Success Plans* to advise students in which CCR assessments are most beneficial to their future.

KEY ACT CLT SAT ASVAB

Test	Testing Window	Format	Grade(s)
PreACT 8/9	September 1, 2026 – May 7, 2027	Online	9
PreACT 10			10
ACT WorkKeys	September 28 – November 13, 2026	Online	10-12
	February 22 – May 7, 2027		
The ACT Window 1	February 23, 2027	Paper - Standard	11
	February 23-26, March 1-5, 2027	Paper - Accommodated or Online - Stand. & Accom.	
The ACT Window 2	March 9, 2027	Paper - Standard	11
	March 9–12 & March 15–19, 2027	Paper - Accommodated or Online - Stand. & Accom.	
The ACT Window 3 <i>*Makeup only (no initial cohort testing)</i>	*April 6, 2027	Paper - Standard	11
	*April 6-9 & *April 12–16, 2027	Paper - Accommodated or Online - Stand. & Accom.	
CLT 10	October 8, 2026	Paper & Online	9 or 10
	November 5, 2026	Paper & Online	
	<i>TBA: 2027 Spring test dates</i>	TBA	
CLT	July 16, 2026	Online Only	11
	August 22, 2026	Online Only	
	September 16-17, 2026	Paper & Online	
	October 17, 2026	Online Only	
	October 28-29, 2026	Paper & Online	
	November 14, 2026	Online Only	
	December 8, 2026	Online Only	

Test	Testing Window	Format	Grade(s)
	<i>TBA: 2027 spring test dates</i>	TBA	
PSAT 8/9	October 1, 2026 - October 31, 2026	Online	9
PSAT 10			10
PSAT/NMSQT (online only)			10
SAT			11
PSAT 8/9	March 1, 2027 - April 30, 2027	Online	9
PSAT 10			10
PSAT/NMSQT (online only)			10
SAT			11

MOY literacy screener for K-3 available January 4, 2027 – April 9, 2027 for new and indicated students only.

For a chronological list of test dates, scroll to the bottom of this page and click on the next tab.