

University Schools Assessment Calendar 2026-2027

Assessment	Required by	Date(s)	Participants	Tested Subjects	Purpose	Format	Notification of Results
ELPA-21 Assessment for English Learners	TDOE	2/3/2027 – 3/28/2027	Grade K-12 English Language Learners	Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing	Administered to English Language Learners to evaluate proficiency	Paper & Pencil and Online	August 2027
ACT	TDOE	10/2/26 10/9/26 (makeup)	Grade 12 (retake)	English, Math, Reading, and Science	The ACT is used to measure academic readiness for college and HOPE scholarship eligibility	Online	3-8 weeks after assessment
		3/19/27 3/25/27 (makeup)	Grade 11				
Benchmark ACT	UHS	1/15//27	Grades 9-11	English, Math, Reading & Science	The Benchmark ACT provides data that can be used to help students prepare for the official ACT. The scores can also be used for DE Admissions for 10th and 11th graders.	Online	2 weeks after assessment
TN Civics Exam	TDOE	Semester when student takes American Govt	varies	US Government and Economics	The civics test is a graduation requirement for all students	Online	2 weeks after assessment
Universal Screener for RTI ²	TDOE	Fall: 8/3/26-9/18/26	Grade K-8 all students	Reading, Math	This benchmark test of reading and mathematics is given by the district three times per year (K-8) to all students and select students (9-12). The results are used to monitor the progress of students receiving interventions.	Online	Parents can access from student's assigned teacher
		Winter: 12/1/26-1/22/27	Grade 9-12 select students				
		Spring: 3/16/27-5/11/27					
TCAP Achievement	TDOE	4/19/27-5/6/27	Grade 2-5	ELA, Math, and Science (3-5 only)	The TCAP tests are designed to assess true student understanding and not just basic memorization and test taking skills. TCAP measures student understanding of the current state standards.	Paper & Pencil	Fall 2027
		4/19/27-5/6/27	Grade 6-8	ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies		Online	Fall 2027
		Fall block: 11/30/26-12/17/26 Spring Block: 4/19/27-5/6/27	Grade 9-12	English I, English II, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and Biology	The TCAP tests are designed to assess true student understanding and not just basic memorization and test taking skills. TCAP measures student understanding of the current state standards. TCAP EOC assessments are given to help measure how much a student grows academically in a particular content area.	Online	Fall Block: February 2027 Spring Block: Fall 2027

Advanced Placement Exams	College Board	5/5/25-5/16/25	Grade 9-12	AP Courses	AP tests can be used to award credit or determine placement upon entering college	Online	July 2025 through College Board
PSAT/NMSQT	Not Required	October, 2026	Grade 11	Reading, Math, Writing Skills	The PSAT/NMSQT is the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. PSAT scores are used to identify National Merit Scholars and award merit scholarships.	Online	6-8 weeks after assessment
PSAT 8/9	UHS	3/19/27	Grade 9	Reading/Writing & Math	Establishes college/career readiness baseline and can also be used for DE Admissions for 10th grade.	Online	6-8 weeks after assessment
ASVAB	Not Required	January, 2027	Grade 10 Select Grade 12	Reading, Math, Science	ASVAB is a multiple aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military.	Online	2-3 weeks after assessment
Statewide Dual Credit (SDC)	TDOE	Late Fall/Late Spring	Grade 11 SDC US Hist. students	U.S. History	Required for course completion. Students meeting/exceeding the cut score will receive college credit for the course at TN postsecondary institutions.	Online	4-6 weeks after assessment