

2025-26 Important Dates for Test Administration
English Language Proficiency Accountability Assessments
(WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS)

Event	Dates
Post district testing calendar to website	No later than Oct. 1
Materials Ordering window in WIDA Assessment Management System (WIDA AMS) to: - Indicate the number of online testers - Order paper test materials	Nov. 24-Dec. 12
Deadline for updating student enrollment data for EL students ¹	Dec. 11
Complete administration tasks in WIDA AMS	Jan. 5-March 20
Receive paper test materials and student labels	Jan. 16-Jan. 20
Order additional paper test materials in WIDA AMS	Jan. 16-March 13
Testing Window (including makeups)	Jan. 26-March 20
Deadline to ship paper test materials to DRC ²	March 27
Posttest Editing in Test WES ³	TBD
Begin retrieving early student-level results in Test WES	TBD
Deadline to update student enrollment data for Posttest Editing ⁴	TBD

¹ District student enrollment data for students identified as English Learners (ELs) is sent to WIDA AMS in precode files and is used for printing student labels and loading students for online testing. This date may be earlier if you use a Student Information Service (SIS) provider; check with your provider for dates. The precode file is sent on Dec. 12 and includes all ELs identified in student enrollment data submitted to MDE. **Note: This date is earlier than the final MARSS submission; collaborate with your MARSS coordinator to ensure student enrollment data is updated prior to the MARSS deadline.**

² For WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS, this date must be followed to ensure that all paper tests can be scanned and scored before data is provided to MDE. If scorable test booklets (WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten, WIDA ACCESS Writing, or WIDA Alternate ACCESS) are not returned by this date, assessment records may not be provided for Posttest Editing, scores may not be available for accountability calculations, and an Individual Student Report (ISR) may not be provided with the shipment of reports.

³ For Test WES, the deadline to complete tasks in Test WES is 10 p.m. as Test WES is unavailable from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. for nightly system maintenance.

⁴ This date may be earlier if you use a student information service provider; check with your provider for dates.

2025-26 Important Dates for Test Administration Standards-Based Accountability Assessments (MCA and MTAS/Alternate MCA)

Event	Dates
Post district testing calendar to website	No later than Oct. 1
Student enrollment data sent in precode files	TBD
Complete Pretest Editing in Test WES ⁵	TBD-May 1 TBD-May 8 (Science MCA only)
Test WES deadline ⁵ to: - Make changes affecting initial test materials shipment - Confirm ISR delivery from 2024-25 administrations - Indicate test material delivery options	Jan. 23
Student eligibility data sent in precode files	Jan. 23-April 30 Jan. 23-May 7 (Science MCA only)
PearsonAccess Next opens to begin the following tasks: - MCA and MTAS/Alt MCA: Create reporting groups - MCA and Alt MCA: Set up test sessions - MTAS: Assign users for MTAS data entry	Feb. 16
Receive MCA paper and MTAS/Alt MCA test materials	Feb. 24-26
Order additional MCA paper and MTAS/Alt MCA test materials in PearsonAccess Next	Feb. 24-April 28 (noon) Feb. 24-May 5 (noon) (Science MCA only)
Enter Learner Characteristics Inventory (LCI) data in PearsonAccess Next for MTAS/Alt MCA ⁶	Feb. 16-May 1
Testing Windows (including makeups and data entry)⁷	March 2-May 1 March 2-May 8 (Science MCA only)
Deadline to ship secure MCA paper and MTAS/Alt MCA test materials to Pearson	May 11

⁵ For Test WES, the deadline to complete tasks in Test WES is 10 p.m. as Test WES is unavailable from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. for nightly system maintenance.

⁶ Data entry opens only to allow for earlier LCI data entry. No alternate assessments may be administered prior to the MTAS/Alt MCA testing window.

⁷ Results are available in On-Demand Reports in PearsonAccess Next after online testing and data entry for Mathematics MCA, Science MCA, Mathematics MTAS and Science Alt MCA only; On-Demand Reports will not be available for the first administration of the new Reading MCA and Alternate MCA.

Event	Dates
Test WES deadline for confirming: • All staff have completed required trainings • All students taking alternate assessments are eligible • All procedures were followed to provide student supports and accommodations Test WES deadline to indicate if district wishes to receive: • Paper copies of ISRs • Paper copies of student results labels	TBD
Posttest Editing in Test WES ⁸	TBD
Deadline to update student enrollment data for Posttest Editing ⁹	TBD

⁸ For Test WES, the deadline to complete tasks in Test WES is 10 p.m. as Test WES is unavailable from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. for nightly system maintenance.

⁹ This date may be earlier if you use a Student Information Service (SIS) provider; check with your provider for dates.