

2026-27 Important Dates for Test Administration
English Language Proficiency Accountability Assessments
(WIDA Assessments)

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. 30-Dec. 18
Deadline for updating student enrollment data for EL students ¹	Dec. 10
Complete administration tasks in WIDA AMS	Jan. 15-March 26
Receive paper test materials and student labels	Jan. 22-Jan. 25
Order additional paper test materials in WIDA AMS	Jan. 25-March 19
Testing Window (including makeups)	Feb. 1-March 26
Deadline to ship paper test materials to DRC ²	April 2
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 Regional Management Information Center (RMIC); check with your RMIC for dates. This date aligns with a MARSS reporting deadline.

² For WIDA assessments, 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 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 in the shipment of reports.

³ The deadline to complete tasks in Test WES is 10 p.m. as Test WES is unavailable from 10 p.m.-5 a.m. for nightly system maintenance.

⁴ This date may be earlier if you use an RMIC; check with your RMIC for dates.

2026-27 Important Dates for Test Administration

Standards-Based Accountability Assessments (MCA and MTAS/Alt MCA)

Event	Dates
Post district testing calendar to website	No later than Oct. 1
Complete Pretest Editing in Test WES ⁵	Nov. 30-May 6 Nov. 30-May 13 (Science MCA only)
Test WES deadline ⁵ to: • Make changes affecting initial test materials shipment • Confirm ISR delivery from 2025-26 administrations • Indicate test material delivery options	Jan. 22
Student eligibility data sent in precode files	Jan. 22-May 6 Jan. 22-May 13 (Science MCA only)
Complete administration tasks in ADAM	Feb. 22-May 7 Feb. 22-May 14 (Science MCA only)
Receive paper MCA and MTAS/Alt MCA test materials	March 2-4
Order additional paper MCA and MTAS/Alt MCA test materials in ADAM ⁶	March 2-May 4 March 2-May 11 (Science MCA only)
Enter Learner Characteristics Inventory (LCI) data in TestNav for MTAS/Alt MCA ⁷	Feb. 22-May 7
Testing Windows (including makeups and data entry)	March 8-May 7 March 8-May 14 (Science MCA only)
Test WES deadline ⁵ for confirming: • All staff have completed required trainings • All students taking alternate assessments are eligible • All procedures were followed to provide student universal supports and accommodations Test WES deadline to indicate report delivery options	May 13
Deadline to ship secure MCA paper and MTAS/Alt MCA test materials to Pearson	May 17
Posttest Editing in Test WES ⁵	TBD
Deadline to update student enrollment data for Posttest Editing ⁸	TBD

⁵ The deadline to complete tasks in Test WES is 10 p.m. as Test WES is unavailable from 10 p.m.-5 a.m. for nightly system maintenance.

⁶ Placing additional orders by noon on the deadline is recommended for materials to arrive the following business day.

⁷ 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. LCI data must be entered and submitted in TestNav prior to entering data for MTAS or student responses for Alt MCA.

⁸ This date may be earlier if you use an RMIC; check with your RMIC for dates.