

# Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) Calendar

## 2025-26 School Year

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### Required TCAP Assessments

Assessment Name	Administration	Administration Window	Raw Scores Available By
TCAP End-of-Course (EOC)	Fall	December 1-18, 2025	December 31, 2025 <sup>+</sup>
TCAP Achievement (ACH) Grades 3-5 (Paper-Based)	Spring	April 13 - <b>May 6</b> , 2026	May 20, 2026 <sup>+</sup>
TCAP ACH Grades 6-8 and TCAP EOC (Computer-Based)	Spring	April 13 - <b>May 8</b> , 2026	May 20, 2026 <sup>+</sup>
TCAP-Alternate Science & Social Studies (Alt) Grades 3-8 and EOC	Spring	March 9 - April 24, 2026	N/A
TCAP-Alt ELA & Math	Fall	September 8 - December 19, 2025	N/A
TCAP-Alt ELA & Math	Spring	February 2 - May 15, 2026	N/A
TCAP Grade 2 (Optional)*	Spring	April 13 - May 1, 2026	May 20, 2026
TCAP Grade 2-Alt (Optional)*	Spring	March 9 - April 24, 2026	N/A

+ All Science results will be released in September 2026 due to Standard Setting for the New Science Standards and Assessment.

\*Participation in the Grade 2 assessment is a district option and includes both the general education and alternate assessments.

### Other Assessment Dates

Assessment Name	Administration	Administration Window
ACT	Fall 2025 Senior Retake	First Window: September 30, October 1-3 & 6-10 Second Window: October 14-17 & 20-24 Third Window: October 28-31, November 3-7
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)**	Spring	January 26 - March 20, 2026
English Learners Assessment	Spring	February 2 - March 27, 2026
ACT	Spring 2026 Junior Testing	First Window: March 10-13 & 16-20 Second Window: March 24-27 & 30-31, April 1-3 Third Window: April 7-10 & 13-17 <sup>+</sup>

+ The ACT dates the week of April 13-17 overlap with the first week of the spring EOC administration window.

\*\*Only a small subset of schools will be selected for national and international assessments administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). Districts will be notified of selections in Summer 2025.

## Assessment Calendar Expectations

This calendar has been developed in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-6001(f) and 49-1-617(b), requiring the Commissioner of Education to create a testing window that maximizes instructional time and returns raw scores before the end of the instructional term. Local education agency (LEA) instructional calendars may vary and are at the discretion of local boards of education. LEAs have the flexibility to determine local testing schedules that fall within available administration windows.

No later than July 31 of each year, each LEA must post on its website information about state-mandated tests and tests mandated by the LEA that will be administered in the upcoming school year, as required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-6007. Publicly posted information shall include the name of each test to be given, the purpose and use of the tests, the grade or class in which the tests are to be administered, the dates on which the tests will be administered, and how and when parents and students will be informed of all test results. LEAs are also required to disseminate the testing information to parents by placing the information in each school's student handbook, or other standard or policy guidebook that contains the policies and procedures of the school and is distributed annually. Specific information on the dates associated with preparations, data validation, and results returns for each state-administered assessment in this calendar document can be found in the *Assessment Milestones* document, which will be available in August. This calendar document includes dates provided by third-party assessment administration contractor(s) and is subject to change.