



Dover Public Schools

Benchmark Assessment Schedule - Appendix B

2026-2027 School Year

This appendix summarizes required districtwide benchmark assessments and administration windows for the 2026-2027 school year. State-mandated assessments follow separate NJDOE and building testing calendars. Curriculum-embedded formative, summative, benchmark, and alternative assessments remain part of each course or grade-level curriculum.

District Benchmark Windows at a Glance

Cycle	Adaptive Diagnostic / Benchmark Window	K-3 Literacy Task Window
Beginning of Year (BOY)	September 8 - October 2, 2026	September 8 - October 31, 2026
Middle of Year (MOY)	January 11 - February 5, 2027	December 1, 2026 - February 15, 2027
End of Year (EOY)	May 3 - June 4, 2027	March 2 - June 4, 2027

Grades K-6 District Benchmark Assessments

Assessment	Grade(s) / Subject	BOY	MOY	EOY
i-Ready Inform Adaptive Diagnostic	K-6 Reading & Mathematics	Sept. 8 - Oct. 2	Jan. 11 - Feb. 5	May 3 - June 4
K-3 Early Literacy Screener (i-Ready Reading Inform + grade-level Literacy Tasks)	K-3 Early Literacy	Sept. 8 - Oct. 31	Dec. 1 - Feb. 15	Mar. 2 - June 4
Core Phonics Survey	K-6 ELA	Sept. 8 - Oct. 2	Jan. 11 - Feb. 5	May 3 - June 4
Benchmark Fonetica	K-5 Spanish Language Arts	Sept. 8 - Oct. 2	Jan. 11 - Feb. 5	May 3 - June 4

Dual Language extension: K-5 Dual Language classes receive one additional week for the i-Ready Inform cycle and the additional K-6 foundational skill assessments. Extended deadlines: October 9, 2026; February 12, 2027; and June 11, 2027.

Grades 1 - 6 Standard Mastery Assessments

Assessment	Subject	MP1	MP2	MP3
Grades 1-6 Standard Mastery	ELA & Mathematics	Oct. 26-30, 2026	Jan. 11-15, 2027	Mar. 15-19, 2027
Review / Reteach	ELA & Mathematics	Nov. 2-13, 2026	Jan. 19-22, 2027	Mar. 22-25, 2027

Grades 7 - 8 Benchmark Assessments

Assessment	Subject	BOY	MOY	EOY
i-Ready Inform Adaptive Diagnostic	Mathematics	Sept. 8 - Oct. 2	Jan. 11 - Feb. 5	May 3 - June 4
LinkIt Benchmark	ELA	Sept. 8 - Oct. 2	Jan. 11 - Feb. 5	May 3 - June 4
Department Benchmark	Department-based	Sept. 8 - Oct. 2	Jan. 11 - Feb. 5	May 3 - June 4

Grades 9 - 12 Benchmark Assessments

Assessment	Subject	BOY	MOY	EOY
LinkIt Benchmark	ELA & Mathematics	Sept. 8 - Oct. 2	Jan. 11 - Feb. 5	May 3 - June 4
LinkIt Department Benchmark	Department-based	Sept. 8 - Oct. 2	Jan. 11 - Feb. 5	May 3 - June 4

Implementation Notes

- All required benchmark assessments are administered within the assigned window, with makeup opportunities and permitted accommodations.
- i-Ready Inform is the current name for the assessment formerly called the i-Ready Diagnostic.
- The K-3 Early Literacy Screener combines i-Ready Reading Inform with grade-level literacy tasks to generate the Foundational Literacy Benchmark.
- Benchmark results are reviewed with other evidence to plan reteaching, intervention, enrichment, and other instructional responses.
- NJSLA-A, NJGPA-A, NJSLA-Science, ACCESS, DLM, and other state-mandated assessments follow separate NJDOE and building-specific testing calendars.