



Putnam County School System 2025-2026 Assessment Calendar

(Last Updated: August 1, 2025)

Note: Test windows are subject to change (please check back regularly for up-to-date information).

Test	Testing Window	Grade Levels	Purpose & Use	Subject & Time	Parents Informed
TCAP-ALT (Alternative Assessments) State Required	TCAP ALT ELA / Math Fall: September 8 - December 19 (2025) TCAP ALT ELA / Math Spr: February 2 - May 15 (2026) TCAP ALT Science / SS Spr: March 9 - April 24 (2026)	3-11	Administered to students with the most severe cognitive disabilities to measure academic achievement against modified, more accessible academic standards.	Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies. For more info: https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/alternate-assessment.html	Results shared with parents in late May or at the start of the following school year.

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i-Ready Universal Reading Screener and Math Screener State Required	Fall (Gr. 1 - 8) Aug 11 - 29 (2025) Make-ups (Gr. 1 - 8) Sept 2 - 5 (2025) Fall Kindergarten Aug 25 - Sept 5 (2025) Winter (Gr. K - 8) Jan 5 - 21 (2026) Make-ups (Gr. K - 8) Jan 22 - 29 (2026) Spring (Gr. K - 8) April 27 - May 8 (2026) Make-ups (Gr. K - 8) May 11 - 15 (2026)	K - 12 Note: 7th and 8th Grade may take the iReady screener one time only, in the Fall. Multiple administrations of the screeners are based upon each school and teacher.	Used to identify students needing intervention services during the school year. High School iReady: Determined by each high school (and applicable to certain student subgroups)	K - 8 = Math 4 - 8 = Reading	Results shared by school to parents. iReady (Family Center)
DIBELS Universal Reading Screener State Required	Fall (Gr. 1 - 2) Aug 11 - 29 (2025) Make-up (Grades 1 - 2) Sept 2 - 5 (2025) Fall Kindergarten Aug 18 - Sept 5 (2025) Winter (Gr. K - 2) December 1 - 12 (2025) Make-ups (Gr. K - 2) December 15 - 19 (2025) Spring (Gr. K - 2) April 27 - May 8 (2026) Make-ups (Gr. K - 2) May 11 - 15 (2026)	K - 2	Used to identify students needing intervention services during the school year.	K - 2 = Reading Dependent Upon Measure and Grade Level (Oral Reading Fluency / Nonsense Word Fluency / Letter Naming Fluency / Work Reading Fluency / Phonemic Segmentation Fluency / Reading Comprehension)	Results shared with parents within two to four weeks after completion of the screener.

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AimsWeb Universal Screener State Required	Fall Aug 11 - 29 (2025) Make-ups Sept 2 - 5 (2025) Winter Jan 5 - 21 (2026) Make-ups Jan 22 - 29 (2026) Spring April 27 - May 8 (2026) Make-ups May 11 - 15 (2026) NOTE: Written Expression testing windows may be extended for completion and grading.	Reading 3 Written Expression 1 - 8	Used to identify students needing intervention services during the school year.	<u>Reading</u> Dependent Upon Measure and Grade Level (Oral Reading Fluency / Reading Comprehension / Vocabulary) <u>Written Expression</u> 4 Minutes (Each Administration)	Results shared with parents within two to four weeks after completion of the screener.
TCAP Assessments Achievement & EOC State Required	Fall EOC December 1 - 18 (2025) Gr. 2-5 (PBT) April 13 - May 1 (2026) Gr. 6 - 8 / EOC (CBT) April 13 - May 5 (2026)	2-12	Used to measure students' understanding and application of grade - level standards over the course of the year.	Core Content Areas (Such As: Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies) Test times match state subparts: https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/testing-times-by-grade-subject.html	Individual student results are made available by each school site. Parents may also view their child's scores via the TNDOE Family Portal... https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login Quick Scores are used for student grades in select courses

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ELPA-21 (Formally WIDA) State Required	February 2 - March 27 (2026)	K-12	Administered to English Learners who have qualified for ESL services.	Listening Reading Speaking Writing	Results will be shared with parents at the beginning of the next year. https://elpa21.org/
ELPA-21 Screener (Formally WIDA) State Required	Aug. - Sept. (2025) (or upon entry of new students)	K-12	Administered to newly enrolled students only (within 30 days of enrollment) To identify English Learners.	Listening Reading Speaking Writing	Placement test to identify students with English Language Proficiency. Results are shared within 30 days of screening.
NAEP State Required	Select Putnam County Schools <u>Test Window</u> Jan. 26 - March 20 (2026)	4, 8, 12	Schools & students are randomly selected to participate in the National Assessment in 4th, 8th, or 12th grade. If a school is selected the NAEP is given on the morning of the date chosen by the State.	The assessment takes approximately 2 hours including, but not limited to preparation, student assessment, and closure.	District, Schools, and Parents do not receive results of the assessment. NAEP (The Nation's Report Card)
Advanced Placement (AP) Student Choice Required for AP (GPA) credit	Click Here for the 2026 AP Exam Schedule Updated by The College Board	9-12	Used for students enrolled in AP classes to fulfill the requirement of the course(s).	Assessments will be administered between 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Specific date and time set by the College Board.	The College Board shares scores online by July. CollegeBoard: AP
IB Exams Student Choice Required for IB (GPA) credit	TBD	11-12	Used for students enrolled in IB classes to fulfill the requirement of the course(s).	Approximately 50-90 minutes.	IB shares the results with students and parents. Timeline shared with students by IB International Baccalaureate

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ACT Senior Retake State Required	October 28 - 31 (2025) November 3 - 7 (2025) Make-ups TBD	12	Allows the Seniors who took the 11th grade ACT another opportunity to retest.	English = 45 min. Math - 60 min. Reading = 35 min. Science = 35 min.	Student level reports are provided by ACT approximately 3-8 weeks after the administration of the assessment.
ACT 11th Grade State Required	March 24 - 27 (2026) April 1 - 2 (2026) Make-ups TBD	11	Student participation in a post- secondary readiness assessment prior to graduation.	English = 45 min. Math - 60 min. Reading = 35 min. Science = 35 min.	Student level reports are provided by ACT approximately 3-8 weeks after the administration of the assessment.
ACT Prep	GRADE 10 TBD	10	Provides students the opportunity to determine their projected ACT score and to explore instructional preparation materials.	All ACT tested subjects / subtests. Approximately 45 minutes per assessment.	School level reports will be made available to parents through the students' assigned school.
SDC Exams (Statewide Dual Credit)	Exam Dates	9-12	Assessment used to assess mastery of the postsecondary-level learning objectives. Students who meet or exceed the exam 'cut score' receive college credit that can be applied to any Tennessee public postsecondary institution.	https://www.tn.gov/education/students/early-postsecondary/dual-credit.html	Student results facilitated by the classroom teacher.

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Naviance Career Assessments Career Planning Surveys and Information District Required	TBD	Primarily 7-8	Provides resources for schools, students, and parents in order to support career guidance, track progress, and ease data-driven decision-making with regards to preparation of an educational plan for high school and career exploration.	Career Explorations teachers will give these assessments during Career Explorations Encore rotations. 30-45 minutes required.	Feedback/results are immediate to the students. Parents can also access through parent accounts.
District Benchmarks (Mastery Connect)	Fall Sept. 15 - Oct. 3 (2025) Winter December 1 - 19 (2025) Spring Feb. 23 - March 13 (2026)	<u>Content Areas</u> Math & ELA 2-12 / Science & SS 5-8 / Biology 11	Provides teachers with valuable data to help inform instruction aligned with district approved curriculum. Provides School and District with predictive outcomes for the end of year TCAP assessment.	Instructional Scope & Sequence K - 12 ELA K - 12 Math	Results shared with parents by classroom teachers (following administration of District Benchmark Assessments).
ASVAB Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery	Determined by each school	10–12 as determined by individual schools	The ASVAB helps military recruiters and candidates understand the individual's strengths and areas for improvement, guiding them in making informed decisions about military career options that align with the individual's abilities and interests. Possible EPSO.	The ASVAB covers ten subtests including general science, arithmetic reasoning, word knowledge, paragraph comprehension, mathematics knowledge, electronics information, auto and shop information, mechanical comprehension, assembling objects, and verbal expression.	

For more information on both State and District Assessments, please visit: https://www.pcsstn.com/50070_3

Parent Resources: <https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/lea-operations/assessment/tnready.html>