

Student Testing Calendar School Year 2020-2021

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The Student Testing Calendar for the school year 2020-2021 includes the following Maryland State assessments:

Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP): *As of July 1, 2018, MCAP will be the overarching umbrella for all Maryland State Assessments as listed below.*

English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) and Mathematics (Two different tests)

- Grades 3 – 8 in English Language Arts/Literacy and ELA/L 10*
- Grades 3 – 8 in Mathematics, and Algebra I*, Algebra II, Geometry

High School Assessments

- Government*
- HS-MISA* * High School Graduation Requirement

Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA)

- Grades 5 and 8

DLM-Mathematics, ELA, and Science Alternate Assessments

- Grades 3-8 and 11 in English Language Arts and Mathematics as well as Grades 5, 8, and 11 in Science for students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to participate in the MCAP assessment even with accommodations.

English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA): ACCESS for ELLs (K-12) and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs (1-12)

- Test of English language proficiency administered to active English learners, including parent refusals
- Measures English language proficiency in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, writing, oral, comprehension, and literacy

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)

- An assessment to address the end of Prekindergarten skills, knowledge, and behaviors that students possess at the beginning of the Kindergarten year.

Social Studies 8

- An assessment of Middle School United States History and social studies skills and processes in Grade 8

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Statewide Primary Test Administrations Are Not To Be Scheduled on These Religious Holidays**

<i>Holiday</i>	<i>2020 - 2021</i>	<i>2021 – 2022</i>
Rosh Hashanah	September 19 - 20, 2020	September 7 - 8, 2021
Yom Kippur	September 28, 2020	September 16, 2021
First of Ramadan**	April 13, 2021	April 2, 2022
Eid Al-Fitr**	May 13, 2021	May 3, 2022
Eid Al-Adha**	July 20, 2021	July 10, 2022
Passover***	March 28 - April 4, 2021	April 18 - April 23, 2022
Good Friday - Western	April 2, 2021	April 15, 2022
Good Friday – Orthodox	April 30, 2021	April 22, 2022
Shavuot	May 17 - 18, 2021	June 5-6, 2022
National Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day*	April 22, 2021	April 28, 2022

* This date provided for information only. Testing may take place on this date.

Note: Make-up test administrations may be scheduled on religious holidays, as long as another make-up testing date is available for students who were unable to test due to a religious observance.

**Actual dates may differ locally as determined by authoritative religious leaders. Students who observe holidays and miss school on alternative holiday dates should be allowed to use local make-up dates.

***Testing may take place on any school day during the testing window except the first two and last two days of Passover. The holiday begins at sundown on the first day.

NOTE: Changes since the last version of the calendar will be highlighted in yellow and all events are listed in chronological order.

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Test or Action	2020-2021
LAC Meeting LEA 24 Meeting	LAC – September 15 LEA 24 – September 16 Tentative Dates-Virtual Meeting Possible
Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) Waiver approved by BOE	Teacher waiver approved Data Managers need to upload Student Enrollment by Nov 13
Student Import* and Class Import <i>Student Import will now be called the MCAP Local Student and Accommodations file</i>	Training moved to October 13th from 1:00-2:00 for the LACs. Training will take place on November 10th from 12:00-2:00 for the STCs in the LEA 24 schools.
ACCESS for ELLs for NEW District Coordinators	September 24 (2:00-3:00)
ACCESS for ELLs Technology Coordinators <i>Software Updates & Technology Readiness Checklist</i>	October 6 (2:00-3:00)
ACCESS for ELLs Technology Coordinators Technology Installations	October 8 (2:00-3:30)
Local Accountability Coordinator Meeting Government and HS MISA Training/ Pre-ID File Training (Cognia)	LAC – October 20 (Virtual Training) LEA 24 – October 21 (Virtual Training)
HSA Kiosk and Portal Technical Specifications Meeting (Cognia)	October 22 (Virtual Training)
Government and HS MISA Initial Pre-ID File Window Second Pre-ID File for Government and HS MISA (Cognia)	October 28 - November 11 December 10-17

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ACCESS Technology Coordinators Support for Test Administrators	Nov. 10 (2:00-3:00)
ACCESS for ELLs (Logistic/Admin) Training <i>For LACs and ESOL program managers and/or ESOL testing specialists</i> <i>Note: No afternoon training for TAs.</i>	November 18 (9:30-11:30)
<u>Unique Accommodation Due to MSDE for the January Government and HS-MISA Administration</u>	November 6
Fall Block Window – ELA/L and Mathematics (Pearson) CANCELLED	Paper: December 7 – January 22 Online: December 7 – January 29 CANCELLED
Government and HS MISA Second Pre-ID File Window (Cognia)	December 10-17
Local Accountability Coordinator Meeting LEA 24 Schools Meeting <i>Test Administration Training – ELA/L and Mathematics, MISA 5&8, and Social Studies 8</i> (Pearson)	LAC –January 5/ 6 (Virtual) Hold Dec 8/9 LEA 24 –January 7/ 8 (Virtual) Hold Dec 10/11 2 day training with 3 hours each day 10:00-1:00 each day (Must attend both days)
MCAP Local Student and Accommodations and Class File Training (Review) for ELA/L and Mathematics, MISA 5&8, and Social Studies 8	LAC – Review during Brown Bag and weekly Pearson Office Hours LEA 24 – November 10 (12:00-2:00)

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MCAP Local Student and Accommodations File and Class File Updated - MISA 5&8 and ELA/Mathematics	January 5-January 22
ACCESS for ELLs Test Administration Window (No Primary or Make-up window)	February 1-May 28
Unique Accommodation Requests due to MSDE for the MISA 5&8, Government Administration and ELA/Mathematics	January 8 (ELA 10, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and Government) January 22 (MISA 5 & 8 and ELA/Math 3-8)
Government and HS-MISA January Administration (Cognia)	Paper: January 11 - February 5 Online: January 11 - February 5
Local Accountability Coordinator Meeting LEA 24 Schools Meeting DLM-Mathematics, ELA, and Science Alternate Assessment Test Administration Training	LAC – January 13 (Virtual) LEA 24 – January 14 (Virtual) Time-9:00-12:00
LAC and LEA 24 Review Session for Government and HS MISA on eMetric (Optional) (Cognia)	January 19 (Virtual) LEA 24-12:00-1:00 LAC 1:00-2:00
NAEP POSTPONED UNTIL 2021-2022	January 25 – March 19
Maryland School Survey Administration Window	TBD
MCAP Local Student and Accommodations and Class File Updates-Social Studies 8	TBD

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All highlighted items are changes from previous review

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<p>ELA/L and Mathematics Assessment Spring Test Administration Window (Pearson)</p>	<p>Paper: Same opening dates as below, but end dates are TBD Online: February 22 - June 4* *Note- ELA10 , Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II open February 22, 2021 Grades 3-8 ELA and Mathematics open March 8, 2021</p>
<p>Government and HS-MISA May/Spring Test Administration Window (Cognia)</p>	<p><u>Government:</u> Paper: February 22 - May 28 Online: February 22 - June 4</p> <p><u>HS-MISA:</u> Paper: May 3 - May 28 Online: May 3 - June 4</p>
<p>MISA 5 & 8 Test Administration Window</p>	<p>Paper: March 8-19 Online: March 8-26</p>
<p>DLM-Mathematics, ELA, and Science Alternative Assessment Test Administration Window (DLM)</p>	<p>March 9 - June 11</p>
<p>Unique Accommodation Requests Due to MSDE for the following May assessments: Government, HS-MISA Administration Social Studies 8</p>	<p>Government-January 8 HS MISA-March 12 Social Studies 8-March 12</p>

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SAT*	March 13
HS MISA May/Spring Test Administration Window (Cognia)	<u>HS MISA:</u> Paper: May 3 - May 28 Online: May 3 - June 4
Social Studies 8 Test Administration Window	Paper: May 3 - May 28 Online: May 3 - June 4
SAT*	May 8
SAT*	June 5
Unique Accommodation Requests Due to MSDE for: Summer Government	June 18
Local Accountability Coordinator Meeting Yearly Review and Accountability Updates	June 8 (Brown Bag Meeting)
Government Summer Test Administration Window	July 19 – July 30 Tentative/ Depending on dates of Summer School <i>Both online and paper window</i>
ELA 10 and Algebra 1 Summer Test Administration Window Cancelled	Cancelled

* Students, parents, teachers, and schools should check with their Local School System's (LSS) Local Accountability Coordinator (LAC) for dates and times of the SAT administration. Dates and times vary by LSS.