MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Student Testing Calendar School Years 2016-2017 through 2017-2018
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The Student Testing Calendar for the school years 2016-2017 through 2017-2018 includes the following Maryland State assessments:

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career
- Grades 3 – 8 in English/Language Arts and Mathematics
- End-of-course assessments in English 10, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry

High School Assessments (HSA)
- End-of-course assessment in Biology* and Government

Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA)
- Grade 5 and 8 in Science
- Beginning 2017-18, Science assessment in high school will be an integrated assessment

Alternate Maryland School Assessment – Science (Alt-MSA)
- Grades 5, 8, and 10 in Science for students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to participate in the Maryland School Assessment in Science even with accommodations.

Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA)
- Grades 3-8 and 11 in English Language Arts and Mathematics for students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to participate in the PARCC assessment even with accommodations.

English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA): ACCESS for ELLs 2.0
- Test of English language proficiency administered to active English learners in Grades K through 12
- Measures English language proficiency in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, writing, comprehension, and literacy.

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)
- A comprehensive test of skills at the academic starting level

*The end-of-course assessment in Biology is part of **both** the High School Assessment program and the Maryland School Assessment Education accountability program.

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*Statewide Primary Test Administrations Are Not To Be Scheduled on These Religious Holidays****		
Holiday	*2016 -2017*	*2017 – 2018*
Rosh Hashanah	Oct. 3 – 4, 2016	Sep. 21 – 22, 2017
Yom Kippur	Oct. 12, 2016	Sept. 30, 2017
First of Ramadan***	May 27, 2017	May 16, 2018
Eid Al-Fitr***	June 25, 2017	June 15, 2018
Eid Al-Adha***	Sept. 12, 2016	Sept. 1, 2017
Passover	April 11 – 12, 2017	March 31 – April 1, 2018
Good Friday - Western	April 14, 2017	March 30, 2018
Good Friday – Orthodox	April 14, 2017	April 6, 2018
Shavuot	May 31 – June 1, 2017	May 20 – 21, 2018

**Make-up test administrations <u>may</u> 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.

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Test or Action	*2016-2017*	*2017-2018*
PARCC Fall Block SR/PNP Registration	*August 22 – October 7*	*TBD*
Local Accountability Coordinator Meeting	*Sept. 13*	*Sept. 20*
Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)	*Opens: first day of school* *Closes: Oct. 1, 2016*	*Opens: first day of school* *Closes: Oct. 1, 2017*
Unique Accommodation Requests are due to MSDE for the PARCC Fall Administration	October 3	October 2
PARCC Spring SR/PNP Registration	*Nov. 7 – Feb. 17*	*TBD*
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Technology Coordinators Webinar (to be recorded)	*TBD*	*TBD*
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 ***Logistic Training*** *For LACs and ESOL program managers and/or ESOL testing specialists*	*Oct. 31 (AM only)*	*TBD*
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 ***Test Administrator Training***	*Oct. 31 (PM only)* *Nov. 1 (AM and PM)*	*TBD*
Local Accountability Coordinator Meeting *Meeting to be held at MAG*	*November 16*	*November 16*

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Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests Due to MSDE for the <u>**January HSA Administration**</u>	*November 28*	*December 1*
PARCC Assessment – Fall Block **(**Dates for 2017-18 are tentative**)**	*Paper: Nov. 14– Jan 6* *Online: Nov. 14 – Jan. 27* *A 30 day window must be selected by each LEA. Paper testing must be completed by Dec. 23*	*Paper: Nov. 27 – Dec. 22* *Online: Nov. 27 – Jan. 26* *A 30 day window must be selected by each LEA. Paper testing must be completed by Dec. 22.*
Local Accountability Coordinator Meeting *Test Administration Training – PARCC*	*January 24* **LEA 24** *– January 25*	*January 17* **LEA 24** *– January 18*
MISA Science *Pre-test file submission – SR/PNP*	*January 3 – Feb 3*	*TBD*
HSA January Administration – Paper	*1/09 – Government* *1/10 – Biology* *1/17 – Government make-up* *1/18 – Biology make-up*	*1/08 – Government* *1/09 – Biology* *1/16 – Government* *1/17 - Biology*
HSA January Administration – Online	*January 9 – 20*	*January 8 - 19*
Unique Accommodation Requests due to MSDE for PARCC Spring Administration	*January 27*	
Unique Accommodation Requests due to MSDE for the MISA Science Administration	*January 30*	*TBD*

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ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Administration Window	*January 9 – February 15*	*January 10 – February 21*
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Make-up window	*February 16 – March 3*	*February 26 – March 9*
Local Accountability Coordinator Meeting *(via Webex)*	*February 14*	*February 13*
Alt-MSA – Science Test Administration Window *(These dates are subject to change based on the new assessment format and vendor)*	*Mid-March – Mid-June*	*TBD*
MISA Science Grades 5 and 8 only	*Paper: March 13 – 24* *Online: March 13 – 31*	*Paper: March 5 – 16* *Online: March 5 – 23* *(Tentative)*
Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA)	*March 31 – May 12*	*March 5 – May 11*
PARCC Assessment – Spring	*Paper: Apr 3 – May 12* *Online: Apr 3 – June 9* *A 30 day window must be selected by each LEA. Paper testing must be completed by May 12*	*Paper: Apr 2 – May 11* *Online: April 2 – June 8* *A 30 day window must be selected by each LEA. Paper testing must be completed by May 11.*
Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests Due to MSDE for the <u>May HSA Administration</u>	*April 7*	*April 13*

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HSA May Administration – Paper	*5/22 – Government* *5/23 – Biology*	*5/21 – Government* *5/22 - Biology*
HSA May Make-up testing – Paper	*5/30 – Government make-up* *5/31 – Biology make-up* *6/05 – Government make-up* *6/06 – Biology make-up*	*5/29 – Government make-up* *5/30 – Biology make-up* *6/04 – Government make-up* *6/05 – Biology make-up*
HSA May Administration – Online	*May 22 – June 9* *(No testing May 29)*	*May 21 – June 8* *(No testing May 28)*
Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests Due to MSDE for the <u>***Summer HSA Administration***</u>	*June 9*	*June 15*
Local Accountability Coordinator Meeting	*June 6*	*June 5*
HSA Summer Administration ***Week #1 Testing – Paper***	*July 24 – Government* *July 25 – Biology* *July 26 – Make-up for both contents*	*July 23 – Government* *July 24 – MISA* *July 25 –Make-up for both contents*
HSA Summer Administration ***Week #1 Testing – Online***	*July 24 – 28*	*July 23 – 27*
HSA Summer Administration ***Week #2 Testing – Paper***	*July 31 – Government* *August 1 – Biology* *August 2 – Make-up for both contents*	*July 30 – Government* *July 31 – Biology* *August 1 – Make-up for both contents*

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HSA Summer Administration ***Week #2 Testing – Online***	*July 31 – Aug. 4*	*July 30 – August 3*