

Student Testing Calendar School Years 2015-2016 through 2017-2018

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The Student Testing Calendar for the school years 2015-2016 through 2017-2018 includes the following Maryland State assessments:

High School Assessments (HSA) Last administration of English and Algebra/Data Analysis – Summer 2015

- End-of-course Tests: Biology* and Government

Maryland School Assessment (MSA - science)

- End-of-course tests in Biology*
- Grades 5 and 8 in science

PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers)

- Grades 3 – 12 in English/Language Arts and mathematics
- PBA (Performance Based Assessment) last administration Fall Block 2015
- EOY (End of Year assessment) last administration Fall Block 2015
- Starting Spring 2016 the two administrations (PBA and EOY) will be combined into one

Alternate Maryland School Assessment – Science (Alt-MSA)

- Grades 5, 8, and grade 10 in science for students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to participate in the Maryland School Assessment in science, even with accommodations

National Center for State Collaborative (NCSC)

- 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

Statewide Primary Test Administrations Are Not Scheduled on These Religious Holidays**			
Holiday	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Rosh Hashanah	Sept. 14-15, 2015	Oct. 3-4, 2016	Sept. 21-22, 2017
Yom Kippur	Sept. 23, 2015	Oct. 12, 2016	Sept. 30, 2017
First of Ramadan***	June 6, 2016	May 27, 2017	May 16, 2018
Eid Al-Fitr***	July 6, 2016	June 25, 2017	June 15, 2018
Eid Al-Adha***	Sept. 23, 2015	Sept. 11, 2016	Sept. 1, 2017
Passover	April 23-24, 2016	April 11-12, 2017	March 31-April 1, 2018
Good Friday - Western	March 25, 2016	April 14, 2017	March 30, 2018
Good Friday - Orthodox	April 29, 2016	April 14, 2017	April 6, 2018
Shavuot	June 12-13, 2016	May 31-June 1, 2017	May 19-20, 2018

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

**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.

Test or Action	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Alt-MSA & NCSC: Test Administration Window	Alt-MSA science: November 2, 2015 – March 2, 2016 NCSC: TBD	The National Center for State Collaborative (NCSC) for reading and mathematics TBD Alt-MSA science TBD	The National Center for State Collaborative (NCSC) for reading and mathematics TBD Alt-MSA science TBD
Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>October HSA Administration</u>	August 21	August 19	August 18
PARCC Fall Block SR/PNP Registration	PBA: Aug. 8 – Oct. 23 EOY: Aug. 8 – Oct. 30		
Local Accountability Coordination Meeting	Sept. 9	Sept. 20	Sept. 13
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Technology Coordinators Webinar (to be recorded)	Oct. 7 (4-5 pm)	TBD	TBD
Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)	Opens: first day of school Closes: Nov. 1, 2015		
HSA October Administration – Paper	Oct. 5 – Oct. 8 10/05—Government 10/06—Biology 10/07—Government Make-up 10/08—Biology Make-up	This administration has been deleted from HSA schedule	This administration has been deleted from HSA schedule
HSA & Mod-HSA October Administration – Online	Oct. 5 – 16	Oct. 5 – 19	Oct. 2 – 13
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Logistic Training (in person) For LACs and ESOL program managers and/or ESOL testing specialists	Oct. 23 (AM only)	TBD	TBD

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Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>January HSA Administration</u>	Nov. 30	Nov. 28	Nov. 27
Local Accountability Coordination Meeting <i>Meeting to be held at MAG Conference</i>	Oct. 20	Oct. 18	Oct. 17
Local Accountability Coordination Meeting <i>Test Administration Training – MSA/PARCC</i>	Jan. 20	Jan. 3	Jan. 2
MSA Science Alt-MSA Science Pre-test file submission	Jan. 4 - 22	Jan. 2 – Feb. 24	Jan. 2 – Feb. 23
ELPA (ACCESS for ELLs® 2.0) <i>Administration Window</i>	Jan. 6 – Feb. 12	Jan. 4 – Feb. 15	Jan. 8 – Feb. 14
ELPA (ACCESS for ELLs® 2.0) Make-Up Window	Feb. 15 – Feb. 29	Feb. 16 – Feb. 28	Feb. 15 – Feb. 28
HSA January Administration – Paper	Jan. 11 – 20	Jan. 9 – 12	Jan. 8 – 11
	1/11—Government 1/12—Biology 01/19—Government Make-up 01/20—Biology Make-up	1/09—Government 1/10—Biology 01/11—Government Make-up 01/12—Biology Make-up	1/08—Government 1/09—Biology 01/10—Government Make-up 01/11—Biology Make-up
HSA January Administration – Online	Jan. 11 – 22	Jan. 9 – 20	Jan. 8 – 19

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Unique Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>PARCC Fall</u> administration	PBA: Oct. 23 EOY: Nov. 6	TBD	TBD
PARCC Assessment – Operational <u>Fall</u>	PBA: Nov. 30 – Dec. 18 EOY: Dec.14 – Jan. 15 All paper testing should take place during the first 10 days of the PBA and EOY online windows.	TBD	TBD
Unique Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>MSA Science Administration</u>	Jan. 22	March 10	Feb.3
Local Accountability Coordination Meeting (via Web-Ex)	Feb. 2	Feb. 7	Feb. 6
Alt-MSA Science: Last date for Portfolio Construction	Oct. – Feb. Exact portfolio window has not been determined.	The National Center for State Collaborative (NCSC) assessments replaces the Alt-MSA TBD	The National Center for State Collaborative (NCSC) assessments replaces the Alt-MSA TBD
NCSC	March – May Exact testing dates have not been determined.	TBD	TBD
Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>May HSA Administration</u>	April 8	April 7	April 6
MSA Science Test Administration – Paper Science testing in Grades 5 and 8	Paper March 2 – 15 Online March 2 – April 1	Paper April 24 – May 5 Online April 24 – May 12	Paper April 2 – 13 Online April 2 – 20 (No testing April 6)
MSA Science: Deadline for LACs to submit Post-test files	April 20	June 19	June 1
PARCC Assessment – Spring Operational	Paper: Apr. 4 – May 27 Online: Apr. 4 – June 10	TBD	TBD
HSA May Administration – Paper	May 23 – 24 5/23—Government 5/24—Biology	May 22 – 23 5/22—Government 5/23—Biology	May 21 – 22 05/21—Government 05/22—Biology

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HSA May Make-up Testing – Paper	<i>May 31 – June 1 and June 6 – 7</i>	<i>May 24 – May 25 and June 5 – 6</i>	<i>May 29 – May 30 and June 4 – 5</i>
	<i>5/31—Government Make-up 6/01—Biology Make-up 6/06—Government Make-up 6/07—Biology Make-up</i>	<i>5/30—Government Make-up 5/31—Biology Make-up 6/05—Government Make-up 6/06—Biology Make-up (No testing May 29, 30 and June 1)</i>	<i>05/29—Government Make-up 05/30—Biology Make-up 06/04—Government Make-up 06/05—Biology Make-up</i>
HSA May Administration – Online	<i>May 23 – June 10 (No testing May 30)</i>	<i>May 22 – June 9 (No testing May 29)</i>	<i>May 21 – June 8 (No testing May 28)</i>
Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>Summer HSA Administration</u>	<i>June 10</i>	<i>June 9</i>	<i>June 8</i>

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Local Accountability Coordination Meeting <i>(This full-day meeting includes training for Alt-MSA Administration for next testing year) Intended participants: LACs and Alt-MSA Facilitators</i>	June 7	June 6	June 5
HSA Summer Administration Week #1 Testing – Paper <i>Note: First Summer HSA and Mod-HSA (Paper) testing week has <u>one make-up day</u> used for all contents.</i>	July 25 – 27	July 24 – 26	July 23 – 25
	7/25—Government 7/26—Biology 7/27—Make-up for both contents	7/24—Government 7/25—Biology 7/26—Make-up both contents	07/23—Government 07/24—Biology 07/25—Make-up for both contents
	July 25 – 29	July 24 – 28	July 23 – 27
HSA Summer Administration Week #1 Testing – Online			
HSA Summer Administration Week #2 Testing – Paper <i>Note: Second Summer HSA and Mod-HSA (Paper) testing week have <u>one make-up day</u> used for all contents</i>	Aug. 1 – 3	July 31 – Aug. 2	July 30 – Aug. 1
	8/01—Government 8/02—Biology 8/03—Make-up for both contents	7/31—Government 8/01—Biology 8/02—Make-up both contents	07/30—Government 07/31—Biology 08/01—Make-up both contents
	Aug. 1 – 5	July 31 – Aug. 4	July 30 – Aug. 3
HSA Summer Administration Week #2 Testing – Online			