

MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Student Testing Calendar School Years 2013-2014 through 2015-2016

Official as of September 20, 2013

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The Student Testing Calendar for the school years 2013-2014 through 2015-2016 includes the following Maryland State assessments:

High School Assessments (HSA)

- End-of-course Tests: English*, Algebra/Data Analysis*, Biology*, and Government

Modified High School Assessments (Mod-HSA)

- End-of-course Tests: Mod-English*, Mod-Algebra/Data Analysis*, Mod-Biology*, and Mod-Government

Maryland School Assessment (MSA)

- Grades 3 – 8 in reading and mathematics
- End-of-course tests in English*, Algebra/Data Analysis*, and Biology*
- Grades 5 and 8 in science

Alternate Maryland School Assessment (Alt-MSA)

- Grades 3 – 8 and grade 10 in reading and mathematics, and grades 5, 8, and 10 in science for students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to participate in the Maryland School Assessment, even with accommodations

English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA)

- 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 | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015 | 2015-2016 |
| Rosh Hashanah | Sept. 5-6, 2013 | Sept. 25-26, 2014 | Sept. 14-15, 2015 |
| Yom Kippur | Sept. 14, 2013 | Oct. 4, 2014 | Sept. 23, 2015 |
| First of Ramadan*** | June 28, 2014 | June 18, 2015 | June 6, 2016 |
| Eid Al-Fitr*** | July 28, 2014 | July 17, 2015 | July 5, 2016 |
| Eid Al-Adha*** | Oct. 15, 2013 | Oct. 4, 2014 | Sept. 23, 2015 |
| Passover | April 15-16, 2014 | April 4-5, 2015 | April 23-24, 2016 |
| Good Friday - Western | April 18, 2014 | April 3, 2015 | March 25, 2016 |
| Good Friday - Orthodox | April 18, 2014 | April 10, 2015 | April 29, 2016 |
| Shavuot | June 4, 2014 | May 24, 2015 | June 12-13, 2016 |

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*The end-of-course tests in English, Algebra/Data Analysis, and Biology are 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.

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| Alt-MSA: Opening of Test Administration Window | Sept. 3 | Sept. 2 | Sept. 8 |
| Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the October HSA/Mod HSA Administration | August 16 | August 22 | August 21 |
| Local Accountability Coordination Meeting | Sept. 10 | Sept. 9 | Sept. 22 |
| ACCESS for ELL's Logistic Training (Webinar) For LACs and ESOL program managers and/or ESOL testing specialists | Sept. 26 | Sept. 25 | Sept. 24 |
| HSA & Mod-HSA October Administration - Paper Note: October HSA and Mod-HSA (Paper) have one make-up day used for all contents | Sept. 30 - Oct.3 09/30— Biology 10/01— Alg/DA 10/02— English 10/03— Make-up for all contents | Oct.6 – Oct.10 10/06—Government 10/07— English 10/08— Biology 10/09—Alg/DA 10/10 – Make-up for all contents | Oct.5 – Oct.9 10/05—Government 10/06—Alg/DA 10/07—English 10/08—Biology 10/09 – Make-up for all contents |
| HSA & Mod-HSA October Administration-Online | Sept. 30 – Oct.11 | Oct. 6 – 17 | Oct. 5 – 16 |
| Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the January HSA/Mod HSA Administration | Nov. 14 | Nov. 25 | Nov. 20 |
| Local Accountability Coordination Meeting Meeting to be held at MAG Conference | Nov. 21 | Nov. 20 | Nov. 19 |
| Local Accountability Coordination Meeting Test Administration Training – MSA | Jan. 14 | Jan. 6 | Jan. 5 |
| MSA Reading, Math, and Alt-MSA Pre-test file submission | Jan. 2 – 17 | | |

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| MSA Science Pre-test file submission | Jan. 2 – Feb. 14 | Jan. 2 – Feb. 27 | Jan. 4 – Feb. 26 |
| ELPA (ACCESS for ELLs®) Administration Window | Jan. 13 – Feb. 14 | Jan. 12 – Feb. 13 | Jan. 11 – Feb. 12 |
| ELPA Make-Up Window | Feb. 17 – Feb 25 | Feb. 16 – Feb. 24 | Feb. 15 – Feb. 23 |
| HSA & Mod-HSA January Administration - Paper | Jan. 6–9 1/06—Government 1/07—Biology 1/08— Alg./DA 1/09—English | Jan 12—15 1/12—Government 1/13—English 1/14—Biology 1/15—Alg/DA | Jan. 5—8 1/05—Government 1/06—Alg/DA 1/07—English 1/08—Biology |
| HSA & Mod-HSA January Make-up Testing - Paper <i>Note: January HSA and Mod-HSA (Paper) have one make-up week</i> | Jan. 13–16 1/13—Government 1/14—Biology 1/15— Alg./DA 1/16—English | Jan. 20–23 1/20—Government 1/21—English 1/22—Biology 1/23--Alg/DA | Jan. 11–14 1/11—Government 1/12—Alg/DA 1/13—English 1/14--Biology |
| HSA & Mod-HSA January Administration – Online | Jan. 6–17 | Jan. 12–23 | Jan. 4–22 (No testing Jan. 18) |
| PARCC Assessment Block Schedule (Operational) | | PBA: TBD EOY: TBD (No testing week of Nov. 24 and December 22—January 2) | PBA: TBD EOY: TBD (No testing week of Nov. 23 and Dec. 21 – Jan. 1) |
| Unique Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>MSA Reading and Mathematics Administration</u> | Jan. 17 | | |
| Unique Accommodation Requests due to MSDE for the <u>MSA Science Administration</u> | Feb. 7 | Feb. 27 | Feb. 26 |
| Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>Senior HSA/Mod HSA Administration</u> | Feb. 21 | Feb. 27 | Feb. 19 |

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| Local Accountability Coordination Meeting (via Web-Ex) | Feb. 6 | Feb. 5 | Feb. 4 |
| MSA Reading and Mathematics Test Administration: Grades 3 – 8 in reading and mathematics | March 3 – March 12 | | |
| MSA Reading and Mathematics Make-up Testing | March 13 – March 18 | | |
| MSA Reading Test Administration Grades 5 and 7 Only (Online) | March 3 – March 21 | | |
| Alt-MSA: Last date for Portfolio Construction | Feb. 26 | March 2 | Feb. 24 |
| Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>May HSA/Mod HSA Administration</u> | April 4 | April 3 | April 8 |
| MSA Science Test Administration – Paper Science testing in Grades 5 and 8 | March 24 – Apr 4 | April 13 -- 24 | April 4 - 15 |
| MSA Science Test Administration – Online Science testing in Grades 5 and 8 | March 24 – April 11 | April 13 – May 1 | April 4 – 22 |
| MSA Science: Deadline for LACs to submit Post-test files | May 16 | June 5 | May 27 |
| PARCC Assessment – Field Test | PBA – March 24, 2014 – Apr. 11, 2014 EOY – May 5, 2014 – June 6, 2014 | | |
| PARCC Assessment – Operational | | PBA – TBD EOY – TBD | PBA – TBD EOY – TBD |

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| HSA & Mod-HSA Senior Administration - Paper Note: Senior HSA and Mod-HSA (Paper) have <u>one make-up day</u> used for all contents | Apr. 7-10 | Apr. 13-16 | Apr. 4-8 |
| | 04/07—Biology 04/08—Alg/DA 04/09—English 04/10—Make-up for all contents | 04/13—English 04/14—Biology 04/15—Alg/DA 04/16—Make-up for all contents | 04/04—Government 04/05—Alg/DA 04/06—English 04/07—Biology 04/08—Make-up for all contents |
| HSA & Mod-HSA Senior Administration - Online | Apr. 7 – 11 | April 13 – 17 | Apr. 4-8 |
| HSA & Mod-HSA May Administration - Paper | May 19 – 22 | May 18 – 21 | May 23—26 |
| | 5/19—Government 5/20—Biology 5/21—Alg/DA 5/22—English | 5/18—Government 5/19—English 5/20—Biology 5/21—Alg/DA | 05/23—Government 05/24—Alg/DA 05/25—English 05/26—Biology |
| HSA & Mod-HSA May Make-up Testing – Paper Note: May HSA & Mod-HSA (Paper) have <u>two make-up weeks</u> | May 27–30 & June 2–6 | May 26-29 & June 1-4 | May 31-June 3 & June 7–10 |
| | 5/27—Government 5/28—Biology 5/29—Alg./DA 5/30—English 6/02—Government 6/03—Biology 6/05—Alg./DA 6/06—English (No testing June 4) | 5/26-Government 5/27—English 5/28—Biology 5/29—Alg/DA 6/01—Government 6/02—English 6/03—Biology 6/04—Alg/DA | 05/31—Government 06/01—Alg/DA 06/02—English 06/03—Biology 06/07—Government 06/08—Alg/DA 06/09—English 06/10—Biology |
| HSA and Mod-HSA May Administration - Online | May 19 – June 6 (No testing May 26 and June 4) | May 18 – June 4 (No testing May 25) | May 23 – June 10 (No testing May 30 and June 6) |
| Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>Summer HSA/Mod HSA Administration</u> | June 6 | June 12 | June 10 |

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| Local Accountability Coordination Meeting (This full-day meeting includes training for Alt-MSA Administration for next testing year) Intended participants: LACs and Alt-MSA Facilitators | June 10 | June 9 | June 7 |
| HSA & Mod-HSA Summer Administration Week #1 Testing - Paper Note: First Summer HSA and Mod-HSA (Paper) testing week has <u>one make-up day</u> used for all contents. | July 21 – 25 7/21-Government 7/22-Biology 7/23-Alg./DA 7/24-English 7/25-Make-up for all contents | July 27 – 31 7/27—Government 7/28—English 7/29—Biology 7/30—Alg/DA 7/31—Make-up for all contents | July 25 –29 07/25—Government 07/26—Alg/DA 07/27—English 07/28—Biology 07/29—Make-up for all contents |
| HSA & Mod-HSA Summer Administration Week #1 Testing – Online | July 21 – 25 | July 27 – 31 | July 25 - 29 |
| HSA & Mod-HSA Summer Administration Week #2 Testing - Paper Note: Second Summer HSA and Mod-HSA (Paper) testing week have <u>one make-up day</u> used for all contents | July 29 – Aug 4 7/29—Government 7/30—Biology 7/31—Alg./DA 8/01—English 8/04—Make-up for all contents | Aug 3 – 7 8/03—Government 8/04—English 8/05—Biology 8/06—Alg/DA 8/07—Make-up for all contents | Aug 1 - 5 08/01—Government 08/02—Alg/DA 08/03—English 08/04—Biology 08/05—Make-up for all contents |
| HSA & Mod-HSA Summer Administration Week #2 Testing - Online | July 29 – Aug 4 | Aug 3 – 7 | Aug 1 – 5 |