



**Education Interim Committee
June 15, 2026
Statewide Assessment Update**

2026-2027 Statewide Testing Windows

Anticipated SY2026-27 Test Windows		Required Subjects	Student Group	Grades Tested	Window Period
Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year (MAST)	<u>Window 1</u> October 19-December 11	Math and ELA	General	Grades 3–8	3 windows: 8 weeks each
	<u>Window 2</u> January 11-March 5				
	<u>Window 3</u> March 29-May 21				
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Alternate ELA and Math	<u>Fall Window</u> September 14- December 18	Math and ELA	SwSCDs	Grades 3-8, 11	2 windows: 15 weeks each
	<u>Spring Window</u> February 1- May 21				
WIDA ACCESS Alt ACCESS	January 4-March 5	English Language Proficiency	English Learners	Grades K–12	9 weeks
Montana Science Assessment (MSA)	March 1-May 21	Science	General	Grades 5, 8	8 weeks
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Alternate Science	February 1- May 21	Science	SwSCDs	Grades 5, 8, 11	15 weeks
ACT with Writing	<u>Window 1</u> March 23-April 2	Math, ELA, and Science	General	Grade 11	3 windows: 2 weeks each
	<u>Window 2</u> April 6-16				
	<u>Window 3</u> April 20-30				

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May 4, 2026.

Note: Dates and information listed in this
schedule are subject to change at any
time or without notice.

MAST Updates for the upcoming School Year

Improvements to Reporting

- Interactive reporting (Spring 2026)
- Faster turnaround from Thursday after testing to Monday after testing
- Filterable classroom insights Multiple formats for use (PDF, CSV, Interactive)
- Earlier access to school/district reporting (from end of year in 24-25 to a week after testing in 25-26) Parent access to reports (Kite Parent Portal) Clarification of vocabulary

Communication

- MAST memo: a virtual monthly resource directly to teachers
- Shift focus from report access to report use (data chats with students, instructional next steps)

- OPI Current
- OPI Monthly Assessment Bulletin
- Direct Outreach

Training/Professional Learning

- Training/Professional Learning
- Virtual Sessions: Leading up to fall administration
- MAST 4 Teachers: Training on administration, performance tasks, math misconceptions, and using results for next instructional steps
- Peaks of Practice: Virtual teacher convening
- MAST Summit: Role-based sessions on preparing for administration and leveraging score reports
- MAST Mini-Sessions: Facilitated virtual support sessions scheduled by schools/districts
- Hub Course: Performance Task, STC Basics
- Summer Institute: Score Reports, Tech Lab, Standards & Instruction Alignment, Performance Task, EdReady
- Training Facilitation Guides: For local training