



Assessment Calendar 2021–2022 Baltimore County Public Schools

The Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) Assessment Calendar reflects the dates that students in BCPS schools will be testing. The dates and information listed are based on the MSDE State Assessment Calendar.

Unless otherwise stated, the dates represent windows for testing. Schools have the flexibility to choose testing dates within the established windows. Students who observe religious holidays on a school testing day are to be allowed to test on a makeup date.

Below is a description of the tests that will be administered.

School System Assessments

PSAT

- PSAT/NMSQT for Grades 10 and 11.
- PSAT 9 for Grade 9.
- Systemwide assessment that provides practice for the SAT and serves as an indicator of College and Career Readiness.

SAT

- Grade 11 students.
- Systemwide assessment that is used to assess student readiness for college.
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Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

- Assessment that will be used to measure student growth during a school year and across school years.
- Administered to students in Grades K through 8.

State Assessments

The Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) is the overarching umbrella for all Maryland State Assessments listed below.

ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs

- Test of English language proficiency administered to active English Learners in Grades K–12 for ACCESS; Grades 1–12 for Alternate ACCESS.
- Measures English language proficiency in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, writing, oral, comprehension, and literacy.



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Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

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

High School Assessments

- Government.
- High School Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (HS - MISA). Last administration in Early Fall.
- Life Science Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (LS – MISA). New administration in January 2022.

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)

- Assessment to determine the end of Prekindergarten skills, knowledge, and behaviors that students have at the beginning of kindergarten.
- Kindergarten students.

Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA)

- Grades 5 and 8.

English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L)

- Grades 3–8.
- English 10.

Mathematics

- Grades 3–8
- Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry.

Social Studies 8

- Assessment of Middle School US History and Social Studies skills and processes.
- Grade 8.

Other Assessments

The Cognitive Abilities Test™ (CogAT®)

- State-mandated, district-selected assessment as part of the universal screening process for Gifted and Talented identification.
- Grade 3 students.



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MSDE requires all students to test online unless a documented IEP, 504, or EL plan accommodation requires a paper test.

Dates	Assessment	Participants	Additional Information
September			
August 30– October 10, 2021	KRA.	Students in Kindergarten.	
September 13– October 15, 2021	Early Fall Assessment: ELA/L 3–8 and 10 Mathematics 3–8 and HS MISA 5&8 <i>Paper Testing</i>	ELA/L Students in Grades 4–9 and 11. Mathematics Students in Grades 4–9 and High School.	Students will take the assessment of the grade or course they completed during the 2020–2021 school year.
September 13– October 22, 2021	Early Fall Assessment: ELA/L 3–8 and 10 Mathematics 3–8 and HS MISA 5&8 <i>Online Testing</i>	MISA – Students in Grades 6 and 9.	Grade 3 students will not test in Fall 2021.
September 13– October 29, 2021	Early Fall Assessment: DLM ELA/L, Mathematics, and Science	Students in Grades 4–9 and 12 as determined by a student’s IEP (ELA/L and Mathematics). Students in Grades 6, 9, and 12 as determined by student’s IEP (Science).	Qualifying students will be administered the assessment corresponding to the grade they were enrolled during the 2020–2021 school year.



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September 13– October 15, 2021	Early Fall Assessment: HS MISA <i>Paper Testing</i>	Students in Grades 10–12 who have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not previously met the testing requirement. • Passed the Life Science Course in 2020–2021. 	
September 13– October 22, 2021	Early Fall Assessment: HS MISA <i>Online Testing</i>		
October			
October 18– November 12, 2021	MAP	Students in Grades 1–8.	
October 26, 2021	PSAT	Students in Grades 9–11.	
November			
November 29– December 17, 2021	CogAT®	Students in Grade 3.	
December			
December 13, 2021– January 21, 2022	English 10 and Algebra 1 (Fall Block) <i>Paper Testing</i>	Students who have completed the English 10 and Algebra 1 course but have not met the testing graduation requirement.	
December 13, 2021– January 28, 2022	English 10 and Algebra 1 (Fall Block) <i>Online Testing</i>		



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January			
January 10, 2022– February 4, 2022	HSA Government and LS-MISA <i>Paper and Online Testing</i>	Students who have completed the American Government course but not met the testing graduation requirement. Students in Grades 11–12 who have not met the high school science testing graduation requirement.	
January 10, 2022– February 18, 2022	Access for ELLs Primary Window	All ESOL Students in Grades K–12.	Schools with ESOL teachers will determine their own testing schedules within the window.
February 22– March 4, 2022	Access for ELLs Makeup Window		Schools without ESOL teachers will coordinate with the ESOL Office for specific dates and times.
February			
February 14– March 11, 2022	MAP	Students in Grades K–8.	
TBD	Maryland School Survey	All students in Grades 5–11 and educators designated by MSDE.	
March			
March 7–18, 2022	MISA 5 & 8 <i>Paper Testing</i>	Students in Grades 5 and 8.	
March 7–25, 2022	MISA 5 & 8 <i>Online Testing</i>		
March 15 – June 3, 2022	DLM	Students in Grades 3-8, and 11 as determined by student’s IEP.	



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April			
April 21– May 27, 2022	ELA/L and Mathematics Assessment <i>Paper Testing</i>	Students in Grades 3–8. Students enrolled in Algebra 1 and English 10.	Middle school students will take the assessment that corresponds to the course in which they are enrolled.
April 21– June 3, 2022	ELA/L and Mathematics Assessment <i>Online Testing</i>	Students who have completed the English 10 and Algebra 1 course but have not met the testing graduation requirement.	
April 26, 2022	SAT Day	Students in Grade 11.	
May			
May 2–27, 2022	Social Studies 8 <i>Paper Testing</i>	Students in Grade 8.	
May 2– June 3, 2022	Social Studies 8 <i>Online Testing</i>		
May 2–27, 2022	HSA Government and LS-MISA <i>Paper Testing</i>	Students enrolled in American Government and students who have completed the American Government course but have not met the testing graduation requirement.	
May 2– June 3, 2022	HSA Government and LS-MISA <i>Online Testing</i>	Students currently enrolled in a life science course and students in Grades 11 and 12 who have not met the high school science testing graduation requirement.	
May 2– June 3, 2022	MAP	Students in Grades K–2.	No spring administration for students in Grades 3–8.



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July			
July 18–29, 2022	HSA Government and LS-MISA	TBD	
TBD	English 10 and Algebra 1	TBD	