

Delaware System of Student Assessments (DeSSA): 2025-2026 Calendar
State Mandated Testing

August 2025

January 2026

June 2026

DeSSA ELA & Mathematics

- Grades 3–8: Apr 13 – May 22
- *P/P: Apr 13 – May 8

DeSSA Science

- Grades 5, 8, & Biology: Apr 13 – May 22
- *P/P: Apr 13 – May 8

DeSSA Social Studies

- Grades 4, 6, 8: Admin 1: Nov 3 – Dec 5; Admin 2: Feb 9 – Feb 27; Admin 3: May 4 – May 22
- Grades 5 and 7: Admin 1: Jan 12 - 30; Admin 2: May 4 – May 22
- Grades 4-8 *P/P: Available during all three windows

DeSSA Social Studies

- Grade 11: Apr 13 – May 22
- *P/P: Apr 13 – May 8

PSAT 10 (Online)

- Grade 10 : March 2 - 27

SAT School Day (Online)

- Grade 11: March 2 - 27
- Make-Up Days: March 2 - 27
- Accom: March 2 – 27

DCPS

OBS 1: Nov 3 — Dec 2; OBS 2: Feb 2 — Mar 2; OBS 3: Apr 15 — May 15

DeSSA-Alt

- ELA & Math: Grades 3–8, 11:
 - Opt. Science: Gr. 5, 8, 10
- Sept 8 – Dec 19

DeSSA-Alt

- ELA & Math: Grades 3–8, 11:
 - Required Science: Grades 5, 8, 10:
- Feb 2– May 15

ACCESS

- Jan 26 – March 20

NAEP

- Jan 26 – March 20

Optional: Smarter Interim and Tools for Teachers
Sept. 8, 2025-July 26, 2026.

IABs/ICAs will NOT be available during the Summative Testing window (April 13-May 22)