

Montana Office of Public Instruction
Published Test Windows for All Required Statewide Assessments
2020–2021 School Year

Grade	ACCESS for ELLs (English Language Proficiency)	Alternate Montana Science Assessment (Alternate)	Montana Science Assessment (General)	Multi-State Alt Assessment (Alternate)	Smarter Balanced (General)	ACT with Writing ² (General)
Window Period	12 weeks	8 weeks	8 weeks	7 weeks	10 weeks	3 Opportunities
Test Window	Dec 2 – Feb 26 ¹	Mar 15 – May 7	Mar 15 – May 7	Mar 15 – April 30	Mar 8 – May 14	Date 1: March 23 Date 2: April 6 Date 3: April 20
Required Subjects	ELP	Science	Science	Math and ELA	Math and ELA	Math, ELA, and Science
Grades Tested	K–12	Grades 5, 8, 11	Grades 5, 8	Grades 3–8, 11	Grades 3–8	Grade 11

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Dates and information listed in this OPI’s Published Test Window
Schedule are subject to change at any time or without notice.

¹ All testing window extensions have been published in the [FY2021 COVID-19 State Standardized Testing Guidance](#).

² Online testing windows are posted on the [Montana ACT site](#).

³ Visit the [Assessment FAQ: COVID-19 Testing Alert](#) for up-to-date alerts on these programs.

ACT with Writing Fall 2020 Optional Testing Opportunity for Grade 12 Students

Options	Paper Testing*	Accommodations Window
Date 1	October 6, 2020	October 6–16, 2020 (weekdays) ⁴
Date 2	October 20, 2020	October 20–26, 2020 ⁴

⁴ Fall testing is paper only – no online testing available.