


Montana Office of Public Instruction
Published Test Windows for All Required Statewide Assessments
2024–2025 School Year

	Anticipated SY2024-25 Test Windows	Required Subjects	Student Group	Grades Tested	Window Period
Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year (MAST)	Window 1 October 14- November 22	Math and ELA	General	Grades 3–8	3 windows: 6 weeks each Final Anchor window: 3 weeks
	Window 2 January 13- February 21				
	Window 3 March 24- May 2				
	Window 4 <i>(Anchor only)</i> May 5-May 23				
ACCESS for ELLs	December 2- February 21	English Language Proficiency	English Learners	Grades K–12	12 weeks
Montana Science Assessment (MSA)	March 3- May 23	Science	General	Grades 5, 8	12 weeks
Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA)	March 10- April 25	Math and ELA	SwSCDs	Grades 3–8, 11	7 weeks
Montana Alternate Science Assessment (AMSA)	March 10- April 25	Science	SwSCDs	Grades 5, 8, 11	7 weeks
ACT with Writing	Window 1 March 25-April 4	Math, ELA, and Science	General	Grade 11	3 windows: 3 weeks each
	Window 2 April 8-18				
	Window 3 April 22-May 2				
Updated by the Office of Public Instruction on May 9, 2024.		Putting Montana Students First 		Note: Dates and information listed in this schedule are subject to change at any time or without notice.	

Note: SwSCDs is an acronym for student with significant cognitive disabilities and ‘SY’ is the abbreviation for school year.

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Staying Informed with Testing Alerts

The OPI Assessment Unit will continue to share information to the field via its [Monthly Assessment Bulletin Newsletter](#), [Monthly Webinar](#), and other communication means. For more information on statewide assessments, visit the following resources:

- [OPI Statewide Testing Page](#)
- [OPI Assessment Unit YouTube Channel](#)
- [Statewide Assessment Overview](#)

Frequently Asked Questions on Statewide Testing, Accountability, and Reporting in the 2024-2025 School Year

What assessments are required under state and federal law?

1. **ACCESS for ELLs** is the English language proficiency assessments for academic achievement reporting for English Learners (EL) in Grades K–12.
2. **Montana-Aligned to Standards Through Year (MAST)** is the general math and English language arts (ELA) assessment for academic achievement reporting in Grades 3–8.
3. **Alternate Montana Science Assessment (AMSA)** is the alternate science assessment for academic achievement reporting in Grades 5, 8, and 11 for students with significant cognitive disabilities.
4. **Montana Science Assessment (MSA)** is the general science assessment for academic achievement reporting in Grades 5 and 8.
5. **Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA)** is the alternate math and reading/language arts assessment for academic achievement reporting in Grades 3–8 and 11 for students with significant cognitive disabilities.
6. **ACT with Writing** is the general math, reading/language arts, and science assessment for academic achievement reporting in Grade 11.

What are the requirements for participation this year Section 1111(b)?

State testing (ESEA-ESSA Section 1111(b)) measures student proficiency and progress on state content standards over time.

- The participation requirement to administer statewide assessments is required under [federal](#) and [state law](#).
- The OPI does not have a remote proctoring (at-home testing) service for remote learners. School districts must afford the opportunity for remote-only learners to participate in statewide assessments in-person and can use the sample parent letters on the [OPI's Statewide Testing Parent Corner Page](#).
- All identified ELs must be assessed annually in grades K-12 for ELP in the four domains of listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
- Schools are required to annually measure the achievement of not less than 95 percent of all students and students in each subgroup on its annual statewide assessments (MAST, MSA, AMSA, MSAA, ACT with Writing).