

LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE 2026 - 2027 Assessment Information

STATE MANDATED ASSESSMENTS – PURPOSE, USE, and DATES

Universal Screening Grades K-8th: AIMSweb Plus, STAR Reading, and HMH Math

These benchmark assessments will be utilized to identify students whose performance warrants further investigation. They identify who is likely to require additional support to achieve grade-level performance expectations. Parents will receive notification if the results indicate the child meets the requirements for additional academic support and intervention(s). If the student qualifies for intervention, parents will be notified of the progress every 4.5 to 5 weeks.

Tentative Dates of Administration - Aug. 3 - Sept. 18, 2026

Dec. 1 - Jan. 22, 2027

Mar. 15 - May 11, 2027

TCAP Grades 2-8 (English language arts, Math, Science, Social Studies)

These fully aligned assessments capture the depth and breadth of what students are learning-and have been learning in the classroom every day. The information from these assessments will provide educators, parents, and students with a comprehensive perspective on their academic progress compared to their peers across Tennessee, as well as a clearer understanding of a student's strengths, needs, and areas for growth.

Window of Administration - Grades 2-8 April 7 - May 6, 2027

TCAP ALT* DLM ELA and Math and TCAP ALT Science And Social Studies

*Available for students with disabilities for whom participation in the regular state assessment is inappropriate, even with the use of extensive accommodations. Parents will receive a detailed report of the student's performance after the completion of the school year.

Window of Administration - March 15 - April 30, 2027 Science and Social Studies

Window of Administration - Sept. 14 - Dec. 18, 2026 and Feb. 1 - May 21, 2027 DLM ELA and Math

ELPA 21

ELPA 21 is used to determine English language proficiency levels. These results will help guide decisions regarding student participation in content area classrooms without program support and state academic content assessments without accommodations. The results also provide school systems with data about the effectiveness of EL programs.

Window of Administration - February 1 - March 26, 2027

NAEP (if selected)

The National Assessment of Educational Progress is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students in the United States know and can do in various subjects. It is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U. S. Department of Education.

Window of Administration: TBD

DISTRICT MANDATED ASSESSMENTS - PURPOSE, USE, and DATES

Kindergarten Screener

The K Screener is a district-developed assessment, comprised of two parts: literacy and math. All kindergarten students will be assessed during the first week of school. Results will be shared with parents at the initial conference during that first week. This test will provide teachers and parents with valuable information to guide instruction, highlighting strengths and areas for improvement.

Window of Administration - Aug. 3 - Aug. 4, 2026

Mastery Connect Predictive Assessments

These assessments help students demonstrate the skills they possess at key points during the school year. They reflect TDOE's state assessment rigor and ensure students are prepared for the next steps in their academic career. Rigorous questions will be used to measure students' abilities in writing, critical thinking, and problem-solving. The reports generated from scoring will assist teachers in planning instruction and provide parents with information about academic standards mastery, as well as predict summative outcomes, including areas of weakness and strength.

Windows of Administration: Grades 2-8 and HS Year-long EOC courses Sept. 15 - 23, 2026
Dec. 8 - 17, 2026
Mar. 15 - 19, 2027

HS Fall Block EOC courses Nov. 2 - 6, 2026

HS Spring Block EOC courses Mar. 30 - Apr. 2, 2027