



# USBE ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

## 2025-2026 Assessment Director Resource Guide

### Purpose

The purpose of this guide is to provide LEA Assessment Directors a high-level view of the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) resources and assessments related to Assessment and Accountability.

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  - (<https://schools.utah.gov/assessment>)

#### Policies

- [Utah State Board Rule R277-404](#)
  - (<https://www.schools.utah.gov/adminrules/R277-404>)
- [Utah State Board Rule R277-604](#)
  - (<https://www.schools.utah.gov/adminrules/R277-604>)
- *Standard Test Administration and Testing Ethics Policy* ([webpage](#) where policy is posted)
  - (<https://www.schools.utah.gov/assessment#Testing%20Ethics>)

#### Communications

- [Monthly meetings for LEA Assessment Directors](#)
  - (<https://schools.utah.gov/assessment/directors>)
- Weekly AD memos and important Assessment & Accountability communications are shared via email
  - To be included on “the list” to receive the emails please contact Sandra Owen, [sandra.owen@schools.utah.gov](mailto:sandra.owen@schools.utah.gov)
- [YouTube](#)
  - (<https://www.youtube.com/c/USBEAssessment>)

## State Assessments 2025-2026 Testing Schedule

### AAPPL (ACTFL Assessment of Performance towards Proficiency in Languages)

**Grade Level:** 3-9

**Content Area:** Dual Language Immersion (DLI)

**Testing Window:** October 20 – December 12, 2025

**Rating Review Request Deadline:** December 19, 2025

**Remote Testing Allowed:** Only for students who receive DLI instruction exclusively online

**Student Data:** UTREx – school and core codes

**Student Results:** IL & IR ratings are released nightly; PW & ILS ratings are typically released within 2 weeks

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### ACT

**Grade Level:** 11

**Content Area:** English, Reading, Mathematics, Science

**Testing Window options:** No Standard Paper testing

- **Online Testing (Standard and Accommodated)**
  - Window 1: March 10-13 & March 16-20, 2026
  - Window 2: March 24-27 & March 30-April 3, 2026
  - Window 3: April 7-10 & April 13-17, 2026
- **Paper Testing – Accommodated**
  - Window 1: March 10-13 & March 16-20, 2026
  - Window 2: March 24-27 & March 30-April 3, 2026
  - Window 3: April 7-10 and April 13-17, 2026

**Remote Testing Allowed:** No

**Student Data:** UTREx - one statewide extract in December. LEAs must add all additional data.

**Student Results:** Individual student reports will be available in students' MyACT accounts approximately 3 to 8 weeks after students complete their test. Test scores are available for districts and schools in ACT's reporting site, [success.ACT.org](http://success.ACT.org), within 72 hours of scores being posted to students' MyACT accounts (approximately 3-8 weeks after testing).

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## Acadience Mathematics

**Grade Level:** K-3

**Content Area:** Math

**Testing Windows:**

- **Beginning of Year (BOY):** Beginning of school year – September 30, 2025
  - *Data Entry by October 30, 2025*
- **Middle of Year (MOY):** December 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026
  - *Data Entry by February 28, 2026*
- **End of Year (EOY):** April 15, 2026 – June 15, 2026
  - *Data Entry by June 30, 2026*

**Remote Testing Allowed:** Yes

**Student Data:** UTREx – nightly upload

**Student Results:** Student results are available immediately after student scores are fully submitted.

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## Acadience Reading

**Grade Level:** K-6 (4-6 are OPTIONAL)

**Content Area:** Reading

**Testing Windows:**

- **Beginning of Year (BOY):** Beginning of school year – September 30, 2025
  - *Data Entry by October 30, 2025*
- **Middle of Year (MOY):** December 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026
  - *Data Entry by February 28, 2026*
- **End of Year (EOY):** April 15, 2026 – June 15, 2026
  - *Data Entry by June 30, 2026*

**Remote Testing Allowed:** Yes

**Student Data:** UTREx – nightly upload

**Student Results:** Student results are available immediately after student scores are fully submitted.

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## **DLM (Dynamic Learning Maps) Alternate Assessment**

**Grade Level:** 3-11 ELA/Math, 4-11 Science

**Content Area:** English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science

**Testing Windows:**

- **Instructionally Embedded/Mid-year Window** (OPTIONAL, but recommended): September 8, 2025 – February 20, 2026
- *System offline:* December 20, 2025 – January 4, 2026
- **Spring Summative Window (required):** March 9, 2026 - June 5, 2026

**Remote Testing Allowed:** No

**Student Data:** UTREx – nightly upload

**Student Results:** Available on August 1, 2025 (Educator Portal)

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## **KEEP (Kindergarten Entry and Exit Profile) OPTIONAL**

**Grade Level:** K

**Content Area:** Literacy and Numeracy

**Testing Windows:** No testing dates since assessment is optional

**Remote Testing Allowed:** Yes

**Student Data:** UTREx – nightly upload

**Student Results:** Student results are available immediately after student scores are fully submitted.

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## **NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress)**

**Grade Level:** Selected schools only (Usually 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades)

**Content Area:** Year dependent

**Testing Window:** January 26-March 6, 2026, if selected, schools will be notified directly of their testing date

**Remote Testing Allowed:** No

**Student Data:** Initial data submitted by USBE. School will submit updated student roster in January.

**Student Results:** Individual student results are not available for NAEP.

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## PEEP

**Grade Level:** Pre-Kindergarten

**Content Area:** Literacy and Numeracy

**Testing Window:**

- **Entry (Beginning of Year):** 4 weeks before the first day of school until 4 weeks after pre-school starts
  - *Data entry due by September 30, 2025*
- **Exit (End of Year):** Last 4 weeks of pre-school
  - *Data entry due by June 15, 2026*

**Remote Testing Allowed:** No

**Student Data:** Manual rostering of students by individual districts/charters/private programs

**Student Results:** Student results are available immediately after student scores are fully submitted.

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## RISE (Readiness. Improvement. Success. Empowerment.)

**Grade Level:** 3-8

**Content Area:** English Language Arts (ELA) Reading, Writing (grades 5 & 8), Mathematics, Science (grades 4-8)

**Testing Windows:**

- **Fall and Midyear Window**
  - Benchmark Modules (OPTIONAL): August 1 – December 19, 2025, January 5 – June 5, 2026
  - Please note: (Writing Benchmarks & ELA-Reading Interim & Benchmarks are delayed due to standards update)
    - *Writing Benchmark Modules available for grades 3-8; Science Benchmark Modules available for grades 4-8. Please note:* No summative science tests for grade 3. Grade 3 science benchmark modules provided for instructional use
  - Fall Interims (OPTIONAL): August 1 – December 19, 2025
    - *No Writing or Science Interims available*
    - *Note: any interim tests started before December 19, 2025, must be submitted before COB December 19, 2025*
  - Midyear Summative: November 4 – December 19, 2025, January 5 – February 27, 2026
    - *Note: any summative tests started before February 27, 2026, must be submitted before COB February 27, 2026*
- **Winter Window**
  - Benchmark Modules (OPTIONAL): January 5 – June 5, 2026
    - *Writing Benchmark Modules available for grades 3-8; Science Benchmark Modules available for grades 4-8. Please note:* No summative science tests for grade 3. Grade 3 science benchmark modules provided for instructional use
  - Winter Interims (OPTIONAL): January 5 – February 27, 2026
    - *No Writing or Science Interims available*
    - *Note: any Winter Interim tests started before February 27, 2026, must be submitted before COB February 27, 2026*
  - Midyear Summative: November 4 – December 19, 2025, and January 5 – February 27, 2026
    - *Note: any summative tests started before February 27, 2026, must be submitted before COB February 27, 2026*

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- **Spring Window**
  - Benchmark Modules (OPTIONAL): August 1 – December 19, 2025, January 5 – June 5, 2026
    - *Writing Benchmark Modules available for grades 3-8; Science Benchmark Modules available for grades 3-8. Please note:* No summative science tests for grade 3. Grade 3 science benchmark modules provided for instructional use
  - Summative: March 10-June 5, 2026
    - LEAs have 8 weeks within the statewide Spring Window
    - Use *Example of an LEA Testing Window* below to help calculate your LEA testing window
- **Example of an LEA Testing Window**

MARCH/APRIL 2021						MAY 2021					
Week	M	T	W	Th	F	Week	M	T	W	Th	F
1	29	30	31	1	2	6	3	4	5	6	7
2	5	6	7	8	9	7	10	11	12	13	14
3	12	13	14	15	16	8	17	18	19	20	21
4	19	20	21	22	23		24	25	26	27	28
5	26	27	28	29	30		31				

Annotations:
 

- First day of testing window: March 29
- Last day of testing window: May 21
- Last week of school: May 24-28

**Remote Testing Allowed:** Only for students who receive all instruction exclusively online; this includes all Benchmark Modules, Interim Assessments, and Summative Assessments

**Student Data:** UTREx – nightly upload

**Individual Student Results:** Available 24-48 hours after administration in the RISE Reporting System.

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## Utah Aspire Plus

**Grade Level:** 9-10

**Content Area:** English, Reading, Mathematics, Science

**Testing Window:** March 2-May 8, 2026

**Remote Testing Allowed:** For students who receive all instruction exclusively online

**Student Data:** UTREx – nightly upload

**Student Results:** Individual student OnDemand reports available in ADAM 24-48 hours of completion of test.

District-level reports and Individual Student Reports (ISRs) available by May 22, 2026.

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## Utah Core Standard Benchmarks—now in UTIPS

**Grade Level\*:** 9-12

**Content Area:** Mathematics (Secondary Math I, II, III; English; Reading; Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Earth Science)

**Testing Window:** August 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

**Remote Testing Allowed:** Yes

**Student Data:** UTREx – nightly upload

**Student Results:** Available upon submission

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## Utah Compose

**Grade Level:** 3-12 **Content Area:** all

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## UTIPS (Utah Test Item Pool Service)

**Grade Level:** K-12 **Content Area:** all

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## **WIDA - ACCESS for ELLs**

**Grade Level:** K-12

**Content Area:** English Language Proficiency (ELP)

**Testing Window:** January 6- March 6, 2026

**Remote Testing Allowed:** No

**Student Data:** UTREx – two statewide extracts; November and January. LEAs must add new students into WIDA-AMS after second UTREx extract.

**Student Results:** Online Reports are available early May 2026 in WIDA-AMS. Printed Reports will be shipped to LEAs mid-May 2026.

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## **WIDA - Screener for ELLs**

**Grade Level:** K-12

**Content Area:** English Language Proficiency (ELP)

**Testing Window:** Throughout the school year.

**Remote Testing Allowed:** No

**Student Data:** LEAs must add student data into WIDA-AMS

**Student Results:** Results available immediately upon completion in WIDA-AMS (1-12) and in the WIDA Secure Portal (K).

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## Appendix A: 2025-2026 Testing Schedule – one pager (front and back)

Assessment	Grade	Content Area	Testing Window
AAPPL	3-9	Dual Language Immersion	October 20 – December 12, 2025
ACT	11	English, reading, mathematics, science	<p><b>Online Testing (standard and accommodated)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Window 1: March 10-13, and March 16-20, 2026</li> <li>Window 2: March 24-27, and March 30-April 3, 2026</li> <li>Window 3: April 7-10 and April 13-17, 2026</li> </ul> <p><b>Paper Testing – Accommodated</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Window 1: March 10-13, and March 16-20, 2026</li> <li>Window 2: March 24-27, and March 30-April 3, 2026</li> <li>Window 3: April 7-10 and April 13-17, 2026</li> </ul>
Acadience Mathematics	K-3	Mathematics	<p><b>Beginning of Year (BOY):</b> Beginning of school year – September 30, 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data Entry by October 30, 2025</li> </ul> <p><b>Middle of Year (MOY):</b> December 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data Entry by February 28, 2026</li> </ul> <p><b>End of Year (EOY):</b> April 15, 2026 – June 15, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data Entry by June 30, 2026</li> </ul>
Acadience Reading	K-6	Reading	<p><b>Beginning of Year (BOY):</b> Beginning of school year – September 30, 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data Entry by October 30, 2025</li> </ul> <p><b>Middle of Year (MOY):</b> December 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data Entry by February 28, 2026</li> </ul> <p><b>End of Year (EOY):</b> April 15, 2026 – June 15, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data Entry by June 30, 2026</li> </ul>
DLM	3-11	English Language Arts, mathematics, science	<p><b>Instructionally Embedded/Mid-year Window (OPTIONAL, but recommended):</b> September 8, 2025 – February 20, 2026</p> <p><i>System offline:</i> December 20, 2025 – January 4, 2026</p> <p><b>Spring Summative Window (required):</b> March 9, 2026 - June 5, 2026</p>
KEEP	K	Literacy, numeracy	No testing dates since assessment is optional.
NAEP	4, 8, 12	Year dependent	January 26 – March 6, 2026; If selected, schools will be notified directly of their testing date.
PEEP	Pre-K	Literacy, numeracy	<p><b>Entry (Beginning of Year):</b> 4 weeks before the first day of school until 4 weeks after pre-school starts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data entry due by September 30, 2025</li> </ul> <p><b>Exit (End of Year):</b> Last 4 weeks of pre-school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data entry due by June 15, 2026</li> </ul>

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RISE	3-8	English Language Arts, mathematics, science, writing	<p><b>Fall and Midyear Window</b></p> <p><u>Benchmark Modules</u> (OPTIONAL): August 1 – December 19, 2025, January 5 – June 5, 2026</p> <p><b>Please note: (Writing Benchmarks &amp; ELA-Reading Interim &amp; Benchmarks are delayed due to standards update)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Writing Benchmark Modules available for grades 3-8; Science Benchmark Modules available for grades 4-8. Please note: No summative science tests for grade 3. Grade 3 science benchmark modules provided for instructional use</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Fall Interims</u> (OPTIONAL): August 1 – December 19, 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>No Writing or Science Interims available</i></li> <li>• <i>Note: any interim tests started before December 19, 2025, must be submitted before COB December 19, 2025</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Midyear Summative</u>: November 4 – December 19, 2025, January 5 – February 27, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Note: any summative tests started before February 27, 2026, must be submitted before COB February 27, 2026</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Winter Window</b></p> <p><u>Benchmark Modules</u> (OPTIONAL): January 5 – June 5, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Writing Benchmark Modules available for grades 3-8; Science Benchmark Modules available for grades 4-8. Please note: No summative science tests for grade 3. Grade 3 science benchmark modules provided for instructional use</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Winter Interims</u> (OPTIONAL): January 5 – February 27, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>No Writing or Science Interims available</i></li> <li>• <i>Note: any Winter Interim tests started before February 27, 2026, must be submitted before COB February 27, 2026</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Midyear Summative</u>: November 4 – December 19, 2025, and January 5 – February 27, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Note: any summative tests started before February 27, 2026, must be submitted before COB February 27, 2026</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Spring Window</b></p> <p><u>Benchmark Modules</u> (OPTIONAL): August 1 – December 19, 2025, January 5 – June 5, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Writing Benchmark Modules available for grades 3-8; Science Benchmark Modules available for grades 3-8. Please note: No summative science tests for grade 3. Grade 3 science benchmark modules provided for instructional use</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Summative</u>: March 10-June 5, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEAs have 8 weeks within the statewide Spring Window</li> <li>• Use <i>Example of an LEA Testing Window</i> below to help calculate your LEA testing window</li> </ul>
Utah Aspire Plus	9-10	English, reading, mathematics, science	March 2 – May 8, 2026
Utah Core Standard Benchmarks (in UTIPS)	9-12	English Language Arts, mathematics, science	August 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
WIDA – ACCESS for ELLs	K-12	English Language Proficiency	January 6 – March 6, 2026
WIDA – Screener for ELLs	K-12	English Language Proficiency	Throughout the school year