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Event	Dates for ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs
Post district testing calendar to website	Before the first day of school
Indicate the number of online testers for grades 1–12, and order test materials during Materials Ordering in WIDA Assessment Management System (AMS) ¹	Nov. 23–Dec. 11
Deadline to submit MARSS updates for ELs to be sent in precode for loading students into WIDA AMS and printing student labels ²	Dec. 16
Complete administration tasks in WIDA AMS	Jan. 4–March 19
Receive paper test materials and student labels	Jan. 15
Order additional paper test materials in WIDA AMS	Jan. 15–April 9
TESTING WINDOW (including make-ups) ³	Jan. 25–April 16
Deadline to ship paper test materials to DRC ⁴	April 23
Retrieve early student-level results in Test WES	June 7–July 13
Posttest Editing in Test WES	June 7–June 25 ⁵
Retrieve embargoed final DSR and SSR files in Secure Reports	July 14
Retrieve embargoed final school and district summary assessment results in Secure Reports	Aug. 6
Retrieve results on WIDA AMS	Aug. 26

¹ Paper test materials are available to order for eligible students for online testing. Other paper test materials that can be ordered include Kindergarten ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS.

² This date may be earlier if you use a student information service provider; check with your provider for dates. The precode file is sent on Dec. 17 and includes all ELs identified in MARSS.

³ The accountability window is Feb. 1–12. Students who are reported as enrolled during this window will be considered when determining reporting filters and for indications in Posttest Editing; districts should attempt to test all students enrolled during the testing window. See Chapter 6.

⁴ For ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS, this date must be followed to ensure that all paper tests can be scanned and scored before data is provided to MDE. If scorable test booklets (Kindergarten ACCESS, ACCESS Writing, or Alternate ACCESS) are not returned by this date, assessment records may not be provided for Posttest Editing, scores may not be available for accountability calculations, and an Individual Student Report (ISR) may not be provided with the shipment of reports.

⁵ With the later Posttest Editing window, there will no additional MARSS deadline one day before the last day of Posttest Editing; MARSS data can be submitted through June 25. (However, this date may be earlier if you use a student information service provider; check with your provider for dates.)

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Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and other reports arrive in district ⁶	Aug. 26
Public release of final assessment results in Data Center	Week of Aug. 30 ⁷

⁶ The deadline to request a score appeal, transcription request, or test booklet search is Oct. 13. District Assessment Coordinators must submit these requests to MDE; see Chapter 10 for additional information.

⁷ Specific dates will be communicated in the *Assessment Update* closer to the release timeframe.

REVISED Important Dates for 2020–21 Standards-Based Accountability Assessments

Event	Dates for Reading and Math MCA	Dates for Reading, Math, Science MTAS	Dates for Science MCA
Post district testing calendar to website	Before the first day of school		
Student enrollment data sent in precode files	Nov. 30		
Complete Pretest Editing in Test WES	Nov. 30–May 20		
Deadline in Test WES for changes affecting initial test materials shipment, ISR delivery confirmation, and test material delivery options	Jan. 22		
Student eligibility data sent in precode files	Jan. 22–May 20		
Begin assignment of MTAS Score Entry users in PearsonAccess Next, as needed	N/A	Feb. 1	N/A
Begin creating reporting groups for MCA and MTAS 2021 in PearsonAccess Next	Feb. 22		
Begin set up for online testing and data entry in PearsonAccess Next	Feb. 22	N/A	Feb. 22
Receive MCA paper and MTAS test materials	Feb. 23–24 or March 2–3		
Order additional MCA paper and MTAS test materials in PearsonAccess Next	Feb. 23–May 19 (noon)		
Enter LCI data in PearsonAccess Next ⁸	N/A	March 1–May 21	N/A
TESTING WINDOW for online testing and data entry (including make-ups) ^{9, 10}	March 8–May 21		
Deadline to confirm in Test WES that all staff have completed required trainings and all students taking MTAS are eligible	May 21		
Deadline to ship secure MCA paper and MTAS test materials to Pearson	May 24		
Posttest Editing in Test WES	June 7–June 25 ¹¹		

⁸ Data entry opens ONLY to allow for earlier Learner Characteristics Inventory (LCI) data entry. No MTAS tests may be administered prior to the MTAS testing window.

⁹ Preliminary results are available in On-Demand Reports in PearsonAccess Next after online testing and data entry for MCA and MTAS.

¹⁰ The accountability window is April 12–23. Students who are reported as enrolled during this window will be considered when determining reporting filters and for indications in Posttest Editing; districts should attempt to test all students enrolled during the testing window. See Chapter 6.

¹¹ With the later Posttest Editing window, there will be no additional MARSS deadline one day before the last day of Posttest Editing; MARSS data can be submitted through June 25. (However, this date may be earlier if you use a student information service provider; check with your provider for dates.)

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Event	Dates for Reading and Math MCA	Dates for Reading, Math, Science MTAS	Dates for Science MCA
Deadline to confirm in Test WES if the district wants to receive student results labels and paper copies of ISRs	June 11		
Retrieve embargoed final District and School Student Results (DSR and SSR) files in Secure Reports	July 14		
Retrieve embargoed final school and district summary assessment results in Secure Reports	Aug. 6		
Retrieve Published Reports in PearsonAccess Next	Aug. 26		
ISRs arrive in district (unless district requests not to receive hard copies) ¹²	Aug. 26 ¹³		
Public release of final assessment results in Data Center	Week of Aug. 30 ¹⁴		
Retrieve Benchmark Reports in PearsonAccess Next	Sept. 20		

¹² The deadline to request a rescore or late score entry is Oct. 13. District Assessment Coordinators must submit rescore requests to MDE for approval; see Chapter 8 for additional information.

¹³ The majority of student reports will be delivered on Aug. 26, but some shipments may arrive Aug. 27.

¹⁴ Specific dates will be communicated in the *Assessment Update* closer to the release timeframe.