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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Resources

Websites

- Utah State Board of Education (USBE) Assessment & Accountability section
  - (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
- 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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- World Languages – Karl Bowman, karl.bowman@schools.utah.gov 801-538-7743
- Test Administration – Aliese Fry, aliese.fry@schools.utah.gov 801-538-7568

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, 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.
Contact:
- Jared Wright, jared.wright@schools.utah.gov , 801-538-7871
- Accommodations: Tracy Gooley, tracy.gooley@schools.utah.gov 801-538-7887

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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- Accommodations – Tracy Gooley, tracy.gooley@schools.utah.gov 801-538-7887

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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)
Contact: Tracy Gooley, tracy.gooley@schools.utah.gov 801-538-7887

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.
Contact:

- ELA – Teresa McEntire, teresa.mcentire@schools.utah.gov 801-538-7542
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NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

Grade Level: Selected schools only (Usually 4th, 8th, and 12th 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.
Contact:

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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**

First day of testing window	MARCH/APRIL 2021						MAY 2021						Last day of testing window
	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					

Last week of school

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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- Secondary Mathematics – Katie Bares, katie.bares@schools.utah.gov 801-538-7809
- Secondary Science – Scott Roskelley, scott.roskelley@schools.utah.gov 801-538-7663
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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.
Contact:

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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
Contact:

- Test Administration – Aliese Fry, Aliese.fry@schools.utah.gov 801-538-7568

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	**Online Testing (standard and accommodated)** • Window 1: March 10-13, and March 16-20, 2026 • Window 2: March 24-27, and March 30-April 3, 2026 • Window 3: April 7-10 and April 13-17, 2026 **Paper Testing – Accommodated** • Window 1: March 10-13, and March 16-20, 2026 • Window 2: March 24-27, and March 30-April 3, 2026 • Window 3: April 7-10 and April 13-17, 2026
Acadience Mathematics	K-3	Mathematics	**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*
Acadience Reading	K-6	Reading	**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*
DLM	3-11	English Language Arts, mathematics, science	**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
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	**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*

Assessment	Grade	Content Area	Testing Window
RISE	3-8	English Language Arts, mathematics, science, writing	**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* **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
Utah Aspire Plus	9-10	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