LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

2026-2027 Louisiana Assessment Calendar

Purpose

This calendar provides an overview of the statewide assessments and screeners required by federal law, state law, or the rules of the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) for the 2026–2027 school year. Assessments are organized by grade band to help educators, families, and school systems locate key information about each assessment. Act 674 (2026) requires each public school governing authority to post a direct hyperlink to this statewide assessment schedule and a PDF copy of the schedule on its public website no later than ten business days after the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) posts or updates the schedule.

Kindergarten–Grade 8

Grade Level(s)	Assessment Name (Vendor)	Subject/Content Area(s)	Delivery Method	Administration
Kindergarten	Shaywitz Dyslexia Screener (Pearson)	Dyslexia Screener	Teacher Survey (Online) No students	**Window:** March 1–May 8 **Make-Up:** N/A **Frequency:** N/A **Estimated Time:** N/A **Annual Testing Time:** N/A **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:392.11); BESE Rule (Bulletin 741)
Kindergarten–3	K-3 Statewide Literacy and Numeracy Screeners (Amplify and Kite)	Literacy and Numeracy	CBT	**Window:** • BOY: First 30 days of school • MOY: December 1–31 • EOY: April 1–30 • Accommodations Final

Grade Level(s)	Assessment Name (Vendor)	Subject/Content Area(s)	Delivery Method	Administration
				○ MOY: November 1 ○ EOY: March 2 **Make-Up:** Within windows **Frequency:** 3/year **Literacy Estimated Time:** 7-11 minutes/student **Literacy Annual Testing Time:** 24-33 minutes/student **Numeracy Estimated Time**: 12-13 minutes/student **Numeracy Annual Testing Time**: 36-39 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.10); BESE Rule (Bulletin 741)
Grade 3 (for qualifying students)	Grade 3 Literacy Rescreening (Amplify)*	Literacy	CBT	**Window:** Last week of school through June 30 (Minimum two-week wait between Grade 2 and 3 EOY administrations). **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** As needed **Estimated Time:** 11 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 22 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.10); BESE Rule (Bulletin 741)
Grade 3	LEAP (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)	English Language Arts (ELA)	PBT or CBT (Grade 3 only)	**Window:** ● PBT: Grade 3: April 7-9 ● CBT: April 1-May 12 ● Accommodations Final: March 2 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 120 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 120 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118)
Grades 4–5	LEAP	English Language Arts (ELA)	CBT	**Window:** ● CBT: April 1-May 12

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	(Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)			• Accommodations Final: March 2 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 190 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 190 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118)
Grades 6–8	LEAP (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)	English Language Arts (ELA)	CBT	**Window:** • CBT: April 1-May 12 • Accommodations Final: March 2 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 190 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 190 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118)
Grades 3–5	LEAP (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)	Mathematics	CBT	**Window:** • PBT: Grade 3: April 7-9 • CBT: April 1-May 12 • Accommodations Final: March 2 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 195 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 195 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118)
Grades 6–8	LEAP (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)	Mathematics	CBT	**Window:** • PBT: Grade 3: April 7-9 • CBT: April 1-May 12 • Accommodations Final: March 2 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window

Grade Level(s)	Assessment Name (Vendor)	Subject/Content Area(s)	Delivery Method	Administration
				Frequency: Once/year **Estimated Time:** 210 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 210 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118)
Grade 3	LEAP (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)	Science	CBT	**Window:** • PBT: Grade 3: April 12-13 • CBT: April 1-May 12 • Accommodations Final: March 2 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 140 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 140 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law/BESE Rule (R.S. 17:24.4; Bulletin 118)
Grade 4	LEAP (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)	Science	CBT	**Window:** • PBT: Grade 3: April 12-13 • CBT: April 1-May 12 • Accommodations Final: March 2 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 160 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 160 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118)
Grades 5–8	LEAP (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)	Science	CBT	**Window:** • April 12-13 • CBT: April 1-May 12 • Accommodations Final: March 2 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year

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				Estimated Time: 195 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 195 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118)
Grades 3–4	LEAP (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)	Social Studies	CBT	**Window:** • April 12-13 • CBT: April 1-May 12 • Accommodations Final: March 2 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 160 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 160 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118)
Grades 5–8	LEAP (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)	Social Studies	CBT	**Window:** • April 12-13 • CBT: April 1-May 12 • Accommodations Final: March 2 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 195 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 195 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118)

Grades 9–12

Grade Level(s)	Assessment Name (Vendor)	Subject/Content Area(s)	Delivery Method	Administration
Grades 9–12	LEAP High School (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)	Algebra I and Geometry	CBT	**Window:** • Fall: November 30-December 18 • Accommodations Final: October 30

Grade Level(s)	Assessment Name (Vendor)	Subject/Content Area(s)	Delivery Method	Administration
				• Spring: April 1-May 12 • Accommodations Final: March 2 • Summer: June 21-25 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 240 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 240 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118)
Grades 9–12	LEAP High School (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)	Biology	CBT	**Window:** • Fall: November 30-December 18 • Accommodations Final: October 30 • Spring: April 1-May 12 • Accommodations Final: March 2 • Summer: June 21-25 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 165 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 165 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118)
Grades 9–12	LEAP High School (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)	Civics	CBT	**Window:** • Fall: November 30-December 18 • Accommodations Final: October 30 • Spring: April 1-May 12 • Accommodations Final: March 2 • Summer: June 21-25 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 240 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 240 minutes/student

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				Authority: State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118)
Grades 9–12	LEAP High School (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)	U.S. History	CBT	**Window:** • Fall: November 30-December 18 • Accommodations Final: October 30 • Spring: April 1-May 12 • Accommodations Final: March 2 • Summer: June 21-25 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 225 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 225 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118)
Grades 9–12	LEAP High School (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)	English I and English II	CBT	**Window:** • Fall: November 30-December 18 • Accommodations Final: October 30 • Spring: April 1-May 12 • Accommodations Final: March 2 • Summer: June 21-25 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 260 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 260 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118)

Grade Level(s)	Assessment Name (Vendor)	Subject/Content Area(s)	Delivery Method	Administration
Grade 11	American College Test- ACT (ACT, Inc.)	English, Mathematics, and Reading	CBT	**Window:** • Window 1: February 23-26, March 1-5 Online standard time, accommodations online and paper • Window 2: March 9-12, March 15-19 Online standard time, accommodations online and paper • Accommodations determined by ACT **Make-Up:** In window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 165 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 165 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118)
Grades 11–12	ACT WorkKeys Accommodated (ACT, Inc.)*	Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents	CBT	**Window:** • Fall Window 1: Sept 30, Oct 1-2; 5-9, 12 • Fall Window 2: October 14-16, 19-23, 26 • Spring Window 1: March 10-12, 15-19, 22 • Spring Window 2: March 24-26, 29-31, April 1-2, 5 **Make-Up:** Within windows **Frequency:** As needed **Estimated Time:** 165 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 165 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118)

Grade Level(s)	Assessment Name (Vendor)	Subject/Content Area(s)	Delivery Method	Administration
Grades 9–12	College Level Examination Program- CLEP (College Board)*	College-level subject selected by student (e.g., English, Mathematics, Science, History, World Languages, Business, Social Sciences)	CBT	**Window:** Open window- Complete by May 19 **Make-Up:** **Frequency:** As needed **Estimated Time:** 90 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 90 minutes/student **Authority:** BESE (Bulletin 741–Graduation Requirements)
Grades 9–12	Advanced Placement- AP (College Board)*	Advanced Placement course selected by student (e.g., English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, World Languages, Arts)	CBT	**Window:** Open window- Complete by May 19 **Make-Up:** **Frequency:** As needed **Estimated Time:** 180 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 180 minutes/student **Authority:** BESE (Bulletin 741–Graduation Requirements)

Small Populations

Grade Level(s)	Assessment Name (Vendor)	Subject/Content Area(s)	Delivery Method	Administration
Grades 3–8, 11	LEAP Connect (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)*	English Language Arts (ELA)	CBT	**Window:** • February 15-March 19 • Accommodations and eligibility final January 16 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 110 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 110 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 127)
Grades 3–8, 11	LEAP Connect (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)*	Math	CBT	**Window:** • February 15-March 19 • Accommodations and eligibility final January 16 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window

Grade Level(s)	Assessment Name (Vendor)	Subject/Content Area(s)	Delivery Method	Administration
				Frequency: Once/year **Estimated Time:** 105 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 105 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 127)
Grades 3–8, 11	LEAP Connect (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)*	Science	CBT	**Window:** • February 15-March 19 • Accommodations and eligibility final January 16 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 105 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 105 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 127)
Grades 3–8, 11	LEAP Connect (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)*	Social Studies	CBT	**Window:** • February 15-March 19 • Accommodations and eligibility final January 16 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 105 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 105 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 127)
K–12	ELPT/ELPT Connect (Cambium Assessment, Inc.)*	English Language Proficiency Assessment	CBT	**Window:** • February 15-March 19 • Accommodations and eligibility final January 16 **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time Grades K-1:** 40-60 minutes/student (untimed) **Annual Testing Time Grades K-1:** 40-60 minutes/student (untimed) **Estimated Time Grades 2-3**: 60-90 minutes/student (untimed)

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				Annual Testing Time Grades 2-3: 60-90 minutes/student (untimed) **Estimated Time Grades 4-5**: 60-100 minutes/student (untimed) **Annual Testing Time Grades 4-5**: 60-100 minutes/student (untimed) **Estimated Time Grades 6-8**: 80-140 minutes/student (untimed) **Annual Testing Time Grades 6-8**: 80-140 minutes/student (untimed) **Estimated Time Grades 9-12**: 80-152 minutes/student (untimed) **Annual Testing Time Grades 9-12**: 80-152 minutes/student (untimed) **Authority:** Federal Law (ESSA, Title III, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6801–7014); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118, Chapter 73)
K–12	ELPS (Cambium Assessment, Inc.-CAI)*	English Language Proficiency Screener	CBT	**Window:** Open window- Within first 30 days of student's enrollment **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time:** 60-100 minutes/student (untimed) **Annual Testing Time:** 60-100 minutes/student (untimed) **Authority:** Federal Law (ESSA, Title III, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6801–7014); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118, Chapter 73)
Entering Grades 5 or 9	State Placement Test for LEAP (Data Recognition Corporation- DRC)*	Placement Assessment	CBT	**Window:** Open window- Notify DRC 30 days prior to administration **Make-Up:** Within state testing window **Frequency:** Once/year **Estimated Time Grade 4:** 385 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time Grade 4:** 385 minutes/student **Estimated Time Grade 8**: 400 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time Grade 8**: 400 minutes/student **Authority:** State Law (R.S. 17:24.4); BESE Rule (Bulletin 118, Chapter 77–Placement Tests)

National and International Assessments (Selected Schools)

Grade Level(s)	Assessment Name (Vendor)	Subject/Content Area(s)	Delivery Method	Administration
Grades 4, 8, and 12	National Assessment of Educational Progress- NAEP (Educational Testing Service-ETS)*	English Language Arts (ELA) and Math	CBT	**Window:** January–March for selected schools **Make-Up:** N/A **Frequency:** Varies (biennial or as scheduled by NCES) **Estimated Time:** 120 minutes/student **Annual Testing Time:** 120 minutes/student **Authority:** Federal Law (Federal Law (20 U.S.C. § 9622)

* An asterisk (*) indicates that the assessment is administered only to students for whom it is applicable within the listed grade band and is not required for all students.

Key Terms

ACT: American College Test

AP: Advanced Placement, various subjects

BOY: Beginning of Year

CBT: Computer-Based Test

CLEP: College Level Examination Program, various subjects

ELPS: English Language Proficiency Screener

ELPT: English Language Proficiency Test

ELPT Connect: ELPT Alternate Assessment

EOY: End of Year

K3 Literacy Screening: Statewide administration in mCLASS

K-3 Numeracy Screening: Statewide administration in KITE

LEAP Grades 3-8: ELA, mathematics, science, social studies

LEAP High School: English I, English II, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, US History, Civics

LEAP Connect: Alternate Assessment; grades 3-HS ELA, mathematics, science

MOY: Middle of Year

NAEP: National Assessment of Educational Progress

PBT: Paper-Based Test

Window: A range of days from which school systems or schools choose the dates and times for assessment administration

ACT WorkKeys: Optional assessment that measures essential workplace skills