

Assessment Calendar for 2016-2017

September	October	November
Developmental Profile (DP) for Kindergarten students September 15 – November 1, 2016		
December	January	February
	National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP) for selected schools and grades January 30, 2017 – March 10, 2017	
		ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 for English learners in grades K-12 February 1 – March 31, 2017
March	April	May
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Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS) Assessments in English language arts, mathematics, and Alaska Science Assessment for ELA and math grades 3-10, for science grades 4, 8, 10 COMPUTER-Based Test Window March 28 – April 28, 2017		
Performance Evaluation for Alaska's School (PEAKS) Assessments in English language arts, mathematics, and Alaska Science Assessment for ELA and math grades 3-10, for science grades 4, 8, 10 PAPER-Based Test Window March 27 – April 7, 2017		
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Alternate Assessment for ELA and math grades 3-10, for science grades 4, 8, 10 March 21, 2017 – May 5, 2017		

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Computer-based Assessment

The computer-based PEAKS assessment window is from March 28 – April 28, 2017. Table 1 below shows the testing window and recommended testing weeks for each grade level. Two options are shown. Option A may accommodate larger elementary/middle/high schools with single-grade classrooms; option B may be a better fit for smaller K-12 schools. Districts are not restricted to either option and are encouraged to test all students as early in the window as is feasible. All suggestions of dates and grade levels below are recommendations, not requirements.

Table 1

Testing Week	Option A	Option B
Week 1 March 28-March 31	Begin Grade 3, Grade 7	
Week 2 April 3-7	Begin Grade 4, Grade 8	Finish Grade 3, Grade 7
Week 3 April 10-14	Begin Grade 5, Grade 9	Finish Grade 4, Grade 8
Week 4 April 17-21	Begin Grade 6, Grade 10	Finish Grade 5, Grade 9
Week 5 April 24-April 28		Finish Grade 6, Grade 10

The timelines in the Table 2 at right designate when students should be finished with testing. If a student is absent and needs to make-up one or more sections of the test, this may occur any time within the 5-week window.

Table 2

Grade level	Recommended testing by:
3, 7	April 7
4, 8	April 14
5, 9	April 21
6, 10	April 28

Table 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 27	March 28 ELA, math, and science assessments window opens	March 29	March 30	March 31
April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7 Recommended end for grades 3, 7
April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14 Recommended end for grades 4, 8
April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21 Recommended end for grades 5, 9
April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28 ELA, math, and science assessments window closes for all grades and makeups

Content Assessments ELA & Math Grades 3-10

- Each content area has 2 parts
- ELA & math parts may be administered on unique schedules at the school, grade, or individual level.

Science Grades 4, 8, 10

- The science assessment has one (1) part
- Science may be administered on unique schedules at the school, grade, or individual level.

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Paper-based Assessment

The paper-based PEAKS assessment window is from March 27 – April 7, 2017. Students who need a paper-based test as an accommodation and schools choosing to do the paper-based assessment for spring 2017 will administer on district-designated days within the 2-week window. If more than one school in a district is using the paper/pencil administration, they must administer the assessment on the same days. Students must take the same parts of a content area assessment on the same day (e.g., all students must take Part 1 of math on the same day).

Table 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 27 Paper-based ELA, math, and science assessments window opens, all grades	March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31
April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7 Paper-based window closes

Table 2

Week 1 March 27-March 31	Districts will designate testing days for all students within this window. Makeup tests must also be completed during these two weeks.
Week 2 April 3-7	
Week 3 April 10-14	
Week 4 April 17-21	
Week 5 April 24-April 28	

ELA & Math Grades 3-10

- Each content area has two parts. Parts may be given over the course of two days. A part must be completed within one day.
- Each content area will use a test book and a separate answer document.

Science Grades 4, 8, 10

- The science assessment has one (1) part and must be completed within one day.
- The science test book is consumable (student will mark their answers in the test book).