



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION




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State Superintendent of Education

December 4, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey 
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Testing Dates for 2020-2021

The dates for the 2020-2021 statewide assessment program have been finalized and are being provided for your convenience in building your school calendars and scheduling tests. Please note the following reminders:

1. The *Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program (ACAP) Summative Assessment* will provide criterion-referenced assessments in Grades 2-8 that will be aligned to Alabama Courses of Study and reflect *National Assessment of Educational Progress*-type rigor, format, and reporting. The assessments will also incorporate the *Every Student Succeeds Act* requirements, as well as the requirements to meet federal peer review. The new summative assessments will contain a variety of item format types including multiple-choice, evidence-based, selected-response, technology-enhanced, constructed-response, and performance-based.
2. The *ACAP Alternate Assessment* will be administered as an operational field test. This new alternate assessment will be administered to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in Grades 2-8, 10, and 11 in English language arts, mathematics, and science. The structure of the assessment is a paper format using an online system to collect individual student responses to multiple choice and performance task items.
3. *Scantron Performance Series* will once again be provided as a formative assessment. The *Scantron Performance Series* and *Achievement Series* assessments will provide the best opportunity for measuring the educational progress of Alabama's students. Utilizing *Scantron Performance Series* and/or *Achievement Series* in a school or classroom will be the decision of the local education agency (LEA), but the cost will be borne by the Alabama State Department of Education.
4. *ACT with Writing* will continue to be used as the accountability measurement for high school. Beginning in 2020-2021, new benchmarks will be utilized that encompass math, English language arts (English, reading, and writing), and science.
5. Again, in the 2020-2021 school year, *ACT WorkKeys* will remain as an optional assessment. LEAs will have the option to administer *ACT WorkKeys* to all students in Grade 12 or administer only to selected Grade 12 students. A retest opportunity will be offered in the spring for those students who do not meet the benchmark in the fall.

Please review the 2020-2021 Testing Dates. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Maggie Hicks, Student Assessment Section, at (334) 694-4817 or mhicks@alsde.edu.

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Attachments

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2020-2021 TESTING DATES

Tests

Testing Dates (Windows)

<i>PreACT</i> (Grade 10)	September 28 – October 16, 2020
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<i>NAEP</i> (Selected Schools and Grades Only)	TBD
<i>ACCESS</i> for <i>ELLs</i> (Online)	January 19 – March 19, 2021
<i>Alternate ACCESS</i> for <i>ELLs</i>	January 19 – March 19, 2021
<i>ACT with Writing</i> Paper Testing – Initial (Grade 11)	March 9, 2021
<i>ACT with Writing</i> Paper Testing with Accommodations/Supports – Initial	March 9-12 & March 15-19, 2021
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<i>ACAP Summative</i> (Grades 2-8)	March 29 – April 30, 2021
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