USBE Assessment and Accountability: 2026-2027 Assessment Director Resource Guide

Section 1: Overview and Resources

The purpose of this guide is to provide Local Education Agency (LEA), District or Charter School Assessment Directors with a high-level view of the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) resources and assessments. For more information, follow the links to the assessments or the resources.

Key Resources & Policies

- **Official Website:** USBE Assessment & Accountability
- **Governing Rules:** Assessment practices are regulated by Utah State Board Rules R277-404 and R277-604
- **Ethics Policy:** Testing practices must follow the Standard Test Administration and Testing Ethics Policy
- **Ethics Training:** Online and in-person training available at Testing Ethics website
- **Communications:** Information is available through monthly meetings for LEA Assessment Directors, weekly email memos, and the USBE Assessment YouTube channel
- **Assessment Literacy:** Self-directed and facilitated courses available on Assessment and Accountability Website
- **Teacher Assessment Resources:** Available for educators on the Assessment and Accountability Website
- **Parent Assessment Resources:** Available for parents on the Assessment and Accountability Website

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Section 2: 2026-2027 State Assessment Testing Schedule

Assessment	Grade Level	Content Area	2026-2027 Testing Window	Remote?
ACT	11	English, Reading, Mathematics, Science	**Online & Accommodated Paper:** • Window 1: March 9 - 12 & March 15 - 19, 2027 • Window 2: March 23 - 26 & March 29 - April 2, 2027 • Window 3: April 6 - 9 & April 12 – 16, 2027	No
Acadience Mathematics	K-3 **(***Optional)*	Mathematics	• **BOY:** School start – Sept 30, 2026 (Data entry by Oct 30, 2026) • **MOY:** December 1, 2026 – January 31, 2027 (Data entry by February 28, 2027) • **EOY:** April 15 – June 15, 2027 (Data entry by June 30, 2027)	Yes
Acadience Reading	K-6 *(4-6 Optional)*	Reading	• **BOY:** School start – September 30, 2026 (Data entry by October 30, 2026) • **MOY:** December 1, 2026 – January 31, 2027 (Data entry by February 28, 2027) • **EOY:** April 15 – June 15, 2027 (Data entry by June 30, 2027)	Yes
DLM Alternate Assessment	3-11 (ELA/Math), 4-11 (Sci)	ELA, Mathematics, Science	• **Instructionally Embedded (Recommended & Optional):** September 14, 2026 – February 19, 2027 (Offline December 19, 2026 – January 3, 2027) • **Spring Summative (Required):** March 8 – June 11, 2027	No
KEEP	Kindergarten (*Optional)*	Literacy, Numeracy	No set testing dates due to optional status.	Yes
NAEP	4, 8, 12 *(Selected schools)*	Year dependent	January 25 – March 5, 2027 (Selected schools notified directly)	No
PEEP	Pre-K	Literacy, Numeracy	• **Entry:** 4 weeks before school starts until 4 weeks after (Data entry by September 30, 2026) • **Exit:** Last 4 weeks of pre-school (Data entry by June 15, 2027)	No

Assessment	Grade Level	Content Area	2026-2027 Testing Window	Remote?
RISE	3-10 (ELA/Math), 4-10 (Sci), 5 & 8 (Writing)	ELA, Mathematics, Science, Writing	• **Benchmarks (grades 3-8 for science, math, writing, and ELA) (Optional):** August 4 – December 18, 2026 & January 4 – June 4, 2027 • **Benchmarks (grades 9 & 10, ELA, math, and science) (Optional):** available January 19 -June 4, 2027 • **Interims (N/A for grades 9 & 10) (Optional):** Fall (August 4 – December 18, 2026); Winter (January 4 – February 26, 2027) • **Midyear/Winter Summative:** November 3 – December 18, 2026 & January 4 – February 26, 2027 • **Spring Summative**: High school ELA and High school science: February 23 – May 14, 2027, high school Secondary Math I and II: February 23-June 4, 2027, Grades 3-8: March 9 – June 4	Summative: Only for online-exclusive students Benchmarks: Yes
STAMP	3-9	Dual Language Immersion	October 19 – December 11, 2026	Only for online-exclusive DLI students
Utah Core Standard Benchmarks	9-12	ELA, Mathematics, Science	August 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 (Hosted in UTIPS)	Yes
WIDA ACCESS	K-12	English Language Proficiency	January 5 – March 5, 2027	No
WIDA Screener	K-12	English Language Proficiency	Throughout the school year	No

For additional information about each assessment, please review the linked websites and their respective Test Administration Manuals. Updated information is also available on the weekly AD Memos.