

Office of Assessment

Delaware State-Level Assessments (2023-2024)

State Assemments (Mandatory)	Subjects	Grades	Purpose	Alignment to Standards	Users of the Assessments	Testing window	Type of administration, Length, & Frequency	Results availability
ELA & Math Summative	ELA & Math	3 through 8	1. Meet federal requirements for school accountability. 2. Measure student achievement toward the DE Standards in ELA/Lit. & Math	Delaware Content Standards in English language arts/literacy & mathematics	State, district, school, teachers, parents, and various stakeholder groups	April 8 - May 23 *P/P April 8 - May 2	* Online adaptive tests * Once a year in the spring *CAT 1:00 ELA *CAT 1:00 Math *PT 1:30 ELA *PT 1:00 Math	July/August 2024
Science Summative	Science	5, 8, and HS Biology	1. Meet federal requirements for school accountability. 2. Measure student achievement toward the Science Standards	Delaware Next Generation Science Standards	State, district, school, teachers, parents, and various stakeholder groups	April 8 - May 23 *P/P April 8 - May 3	Online Fixed forms * elementary designed to take approx 90 min. secondary designed to take approx 120 min. * once in spring	July/August 2024
Social Studies Through Year	Social Studies	4 - 8 *5 and 7 are Field Tested for 2023-24. Others are operational	1. Accountability in participation. 2. Measure student achievement toward the Social Studies Standards.	Delaware Social Studies Content Standards	State, district, school, teachers, parents, and various stakeholder groups	Grades 4, 6, & 8 Admin 1: Nov 6-Dec 6 Admin 2: Feb 12-Mar 1 Admin 3: May 6-May 23 Grades 5 & 7 Admin 1: Jan 8- 31 Admin 2: May 6-30 Grades 4,6, 8 P/P*: Available during all three windows	Online Fixed forms * about 30 minutes in each administration * Through Assessments (3 times a year)	July/August 2024 (Raw scores reported immediately)
Social Studies Summative	Social Studies	11	1. Accountability in participation. 2. Measure student achievement toward the Social Studies Standards.	Delaware Social Studies Content Standards	State, district, school, teachers, parents, and various stakeholder groups	April 8 - May 23 *P/P April 8 - May 2	Online Fixed forms * about 2 hrs * once in spring	July/August 2024
SAT School Day (Digital)	Reading, Math & Essay	11	1. Meet federal requirements for school accountability. 2. Measure student achievement toward the standards. 3. Measure student readiness for college.	Aligned to College Board Content Standards (somewhat aligned to CCSS)	State, district, school, teachers, and parents	March 4 - 28 Make-Up Days and Accommodations: March 4-28	* Multiple-Choice and essay in writing * 2hrs 14mins plus 50 mins for essay totaling 3hrs 4mins * Once in spring	College Board Portal - May; State reporting July/August 2024
PSAT 10	ELA & Math	10	1. Measure student achievement toward the standards. 2. Measure student readiness for SAT.	Aligned to College Board Content Standards (somewhat aligned to CCSS)	State, district, school, teachers, and parents	March 4 - 28	* Multiple-Choice and essay in writing * 2hrs 14mins * Once in spring	College Board Portal - May; State reporting July/August 2024

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DeSSA-Alternate	ELA ; Math & Science	Students with disabilities in grades 3-8, 11 ELA/Math and Grades 5, 8, 10 for Science	1. Meet federal requirements for school accountability. 2. Measure student achievement in accessing the CCSS Standards in ELA/Lit. & Math and NGSS for Science	Delaware Alternate Achievement Standards-Grade level (access to Common Core State Standards and NGSS for Science)	State, district, school, teachers, and parents	Admin 1: Sept. 11-Dec. 22 Admin 2: Feb. 5-May 17	Untimed, usually 6-9 testlets in each content area. Takes about 1 hour. Through assessments started in 2021-22	July/August 2024
DCPS (1% ALT)	ELA ; Math & Science	Students with disabilities in grades 3-8, 11 ELA/Math and Grades 5, 8, 10 for Science	1. Meet state requirements for portfolio assessment for students with severe communication needs 2. Measure student achievement in activities and targets based on teacher observations 3. Measure student achievement in accessing the CCSS standards in ELA/Lit. & Math and NGSS for Science.	Delaware Alternate Achievement Standards-Grade level (access to Common Core State Standards and NGSS for Science)	State, district, school, teachers, and parents	OBS 1: Nov. 1 - 30 OBS 2: Feb. 5 - Mar. 5 OBS 3: April 17 - May 17	Includes 3 observation windows * Online	July/August 2024
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	Reading, Mathematics & Science	4 and 8	Measures student knowledge of reading, mathematics and science	Aligned to NAEP Standards	Nation, State, and large school district levels	Jan. 29 - Mar. 8	National Survey Test * Paper/Pencil and Online * about 90 minutes each block * every two years, 2017, 2019, etc	(Usually Nov. of testing Year)
ACCESS for ELLs	Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking	K-12	To measure an ELL student's level of English language proficiency at year-end.	WIDA English Language Development Standards	State, district, school, teachers, and parents	Feb.1 - Mar.17	Online fixed forms * Once a year * Untimed, it usually takes about 2 hours	July/August 2023
ACCESS for ELLs- ALT	Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking	K-12	To measure an ELL student with significant cognitive disabilities' level of English language proficiency at year-end.	WIDA English Language Development Standards	State, district, school, teachers, and parents	Feb.1 - Mar. 17	Online fixed forms * Once a year * Untimed, it usually takes about 2 hours	July/August 2023

Supplemental (S) - Optional (O) Assessments	Subjects	Grades	Purpose	Alignment to Standards	Users of the Assessments	Testing window	Type of administration, length, & Frequency	Results availability
Science End of Unit (S)	Science	3 through 10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide instructional information to students and teachers. 2. Provide evaluative information at the classroom, school and district levels. 3. Signal field to expectations of shifts in standards/instruction. 	Delaware Next Generation Science Standards	Science Coalition, district, school, teachers, parents, and students	Teacher Determined	Paper pencil Fixed forms * elementary designed to take approx 45-60 min. *secondary designed to take approx 90 min. * 3x per year	Teacher scored.
Smarter ELA and Math Interim Assessments Blocks (IABs)/Interim Comprehensive (ICAs) (O)	ELA & Math	3 through 8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide instructional information to students and teachers toward student achievement toward Delaware Content Standards 2. Readiness for summative 	Delaware Content Standards in English language arts/literacy & mathematics	ELA/Math Coalitions, District, school, teachers, parents, and students	LEAs determined	* Online Fixed Forms * About a class period for each block for each content * No limit on Frequency	Immediate results unless some hand-scoring for PTs and Writing