

Office of Assessment

Delaware State-Level Assessments (2020-2021)

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	3-8	1. Meet federal requirements for school accountability. 2. Measure student achievement toward the DE Standards in ELA/Lit. & Math 3. Serve as a primary indicator.	Delaware Content Standards in English language arts/literacy & mathematics	State, district, school, teachers, parents, and various stakeholder groups	March 15-May 27, 2021	* Online adaptive tests * Once a year in the spring *CAT 1:30 ELA *CAT 1:30 Math *PT 2:00 ELA *PT 1:00 Math	July/August
Science Summative	Science	5, 8, and Biology	1. Meet federal requirements for school accountability. 2. Measure student achievement toward the Science Standards 3. Serve as a primary indicator.	Delaware Next Gen Content Standards	State, district, school, teachers, parents, and various stakeholder groups	March 15-May 27, 2021	Online Fixed forms * elementary designed to take approx 90 min. secondary designed to take approx 120 min. * once in spring	July/August
Social Studies Summative	Social Studies	4, 7, and 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	March 15-May 27, 2021	Online Fixed forms * about 2-3 hrs * once in spring	July/August
SAT School Day	Reading, Writing & Math	All grade 11 students (general state assessment.)	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 24, 2021 and April 27 (Make up)	* Multiple-Choice and essay in writing * 4hrs 22mins * Once in spring	College Board Portal - May; State reporting July/August
PSAT 10	ELA & Math	Grades 8/9 students	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	Feb 22- March 26, 2021	* Multiple-Choice and essay in writing * 4hrs 22mins * Once in spring	College Board Portal - May; State reporting July/August
DeSSA-Alternate	ELA ; Math & Science	Students with disabilities in grades 3-11	1. Meet federal requirements for school accountability. 2. Measure student achievement toward the CCSS Standards in ELA/Lit. & Math 3. Serve as a primary indicator.	Delaware Content Standards - Grade level (based on Common Core State Standards)	State, district, school, teachers, and parents	Mar 15-May 21, 2021	Untimed, usually takes 1 hour	July/August

DCPS (1% ALT)	ELA ; Math & Science	Students with disabilities in grades 3-11	1. Meet federal requirements for school accountability. 2. Measure student achievement toward the CCSS Standards in ELA/Lit. & Math 3. Serve as a primary indicator.	Delaware Content Standards - Grade level (based on Common Core State Standards)	State, district, school, teachers, and parents	Oct. 12, 2020 - Feb. 19, 2021 (see Assessment Calendar for Observation Windows)	Includes 3 observation windows * Online	July/August
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	ELA, Mathematics, Science, & Writing	4 and 8	Measures student knowledge of reading, mathematics and science	Aligned to NAEP Standards	Nation, State, and large school district levels	N/A	National Survey Test * Paper/Pencil and Online * about 90 minutes each block * every two years, 2017, 2019, etc	Dec. 2018/Jan. 2019
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 19, 2021	Online fixed forms * Once a year * Untimed, it usually takes about 2 hours	July/August
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 19, 2021	Online fixed forms * Once a year * Untimed, it usually takes about 2 hours	July/August
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	Grades 3-10	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 Gen Content Standards	Science Coalition, district, school, teachers, parents, and students	Field test for first round 5, 8 and Biology begins November 2018	Paper pencil Fixed forms * elementary designed to take approx 45-60 min. secondary designed to take approx 90 min. * 3x per year	Teacher scored.
PSAT 8/9 (O)	ELA & Math	8/9	Improve classroom instruction and readiness for SAT	Aligned to College Board Content Standards (somewhat aligned to CCSS)	State, district, school, teachers, parents, and various stakeholder groups	Sept. 21, 2020 - Mar 26, 2021	Online and paper/pencil	College Board Portal - May
Smarter ELA and Math Interim Assessments Blocks (IABs)/Interim Comprehensive (ICAs) (O)	ELA & Math	3-10	1. Improve classroom instruction and determine student achievement toward Delaware Content Standards 2. Readiness for summative	Delaware Content Standards in English language arts/literacy & mathematics	State, district, school, teachers, parents	Available Entire School year	* 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