

STEAM Assessment Calendar 2026-2027

Dates	Assessment	Grade/Subject	Required	Test Duration	Data shared with parents	Purpose
September 14 -30	WIDA Screener REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY (ELL)	All new ELL students	MDE	Untimed	Parent letter	Information for ELL and classroom teachers on language acquisition in the 4 domains of language.
September 14 -30	Fall NWEA DISTRICT REQUIRED	K-8 Math, Reading	STEAM	Untimed	Fall parent conference	Baseline data for yearly growth. Used by teachers and interventionists.
September 14 – October 30	FastBridge & Capti MDE REQUIRED	K-3 and 4-8, Reading	MDE	Untimed	Fall parent conference	Data used for universal and dyslexia screening for grades K-3 students and Capti for 4 th -8 th students under grade level.
January 19 - February 12	Winter NWEA District Required	K-8 Math & Reading	STEAM	Untimed	Winter Parent Conference	Midyear data for yearly growth. Also provides data for areas of targeted academic services. Used by the teachers and interventionists.
January 19 - February 12	FastBridge & Capti MDE REQUIRED	K-3 and 4-8, Reading	MDE	Untimed	Fall parent conference	Data used for universal and dyslexia screening for grades K-3 students and Capti for 4 th -8 th students under grade level.
Feb 17- March 31	WIDA ACCESS REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY (ELL)	All ELL Students	MDE	Untimed	Sent home in Fall of 2027	Information for ELL and classroom teachers on language acquisition in the 4 domains of language. Data for exiting from ESL program.
April 19 - May 8	MCA (Math & Reading) MDE (STATE) REQUIRED	3-8 Math & Reading	MDE	Untimed	Sent home in Fall of 2027	Performance level on state standards. Provides additional information for academic program decisions.
May 4 -8	MCA Science (State) Required	5 th & 8 th Grade Only	MDE	Untimed	Sent home in Fall of 2027	Performance level on state standards. Provides additional information for academic program decisions.
May 18 -29	Spring NWEA	K-8 Math & Reading	MDE	untimed	Sent home in July 2027	Baseline data for yearly growth. Used by teachers and interventionists.
May 18 -29	FastBridge & Capti MDE REQUIRED	K-3 and 4-8, Reading	MDE	Untimed	Sent home in July 2027	Data used for universal and dyslexia screening for grades K-3 students and Capti for 4 th -8 th students under grade level.