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The Student Testing Calendar for the school years 2015-2016 through 2017-2018 includes the following Maryland State assessments:

High School Assessments (HSA) Last administration of English and Algebra/Data Analysis – Summer 2015
- End-of-course Tests: Biology* and Government

Maryland School Assessment (MSA - science)
- End-of-course tests in Biology*
- Grades 5 and 8 in science

PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers)
- Grades 3 – 12 in English/Language Arts and mathematics
- PBA (Performance Based Assessment) last administration Fall Block 2015
- EOY (End of Year assessment) last administration Fall Block 2015
- Starting Spring 2016 the two administrations (PBA and EOY) will be combined into one

Alternate Maryland School Assessment – Science (Alt-MSA)
- Grades 5, 8, and grade 10 in science for students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to participate in the Maryland School Assessment in science, even with accommodations

National Center for State Collaborative (NCSC)
- Grades 3 – 8 and 11 in English Language Arts and Mathematics for students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to participate in the PARCC assessment, even with accommodations

English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA): ACCESS for ELLs 2.0
- Test of English language proficiency administered to active English learners in Grades K through 12
- Measures English language proficiency in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, writing, comprehension, and literacy

Statewide Primary Test Administrations Are Not Scheduled on These Religious Holidays**			
Holiday	**2015-2016**	**2016-2017**	**2017-2018**
Rosh Hashanah	Sept. 14-15, 2015	Oct. 3-4, 2016	Sept. 21-22, 2017
Yom Kippur	Sept. 23, 2015	Oct. 12, 2016	Sept. 30, 2017
First of Ramadan***	June 6, 2016	May 27, 2017	May 16, 2018
Eid Al-Fitr***	July 6, 2016	June 25, 2017	June 15, 2018
Eid Al-Adha***	Sept. 23, 2015	Sept. 11, 2016	Sept. 1, 2017
Passover	April 23-24, 2016	April 11-12, 2017	March 31-April 1, 2018
Good Friday - Western	March 25, 2016	April 14, 2017	March 30, 2018
Good Friday - Orthodox	April 29, 2016	April 14, 2017	April 6, 2018
Shavuot	June 12-13, 2016	May 31-June 1, 2017	May 19-20, 2018

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The end-of-course test in Biology is part of **both the High School Assessment program **and** the Maryland School Assessment Education accountability program.*
**Make-up test administrations <u>may</u> be scheduled on religious holidays, as long as another make-up testing date is available for students who were unable to test due to a religious observance.
***Actual dates may differ locally as determined by authoritative religious leaders. Students who observe holidays and miss school on alternative holiday dates should be allowed to use local make-up dates.

Test or Action	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Alt-MSA & NCSC: *Test Administration Window*	Alt-MSA science: November 2, 2015 – March 2, 2016 *NCSC: TBD*	*The National Center for State Collaborative (NCSC) for reading and mathematics **TBD*** *Alt-MSA science **TBD***	*The National Center for State Collaborative (NCSC) for reading and mathematics **TBD*** *Alt-MSA science **TBD***
Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>October HSA Administration</u>	*August 21*	*August 19*	*August 18*
PARCC Fall Block SR/PNP Registration	*PBA: Aug. 8 – Oct. 23* *EOY: Aug. 8 – Oct. 30*		
Local Accountability Coordination Meeting	*Sept. 9*	*Sept. 20*	*Sept. 13*
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Technology Coordinators Webinar (to be recorded)	*Oct. 7 (4-5 pm)*	*TBD*	*TBD*
Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)	*Opens: first day of school* *Closes: Nov. 1, 2015*		
HSA October Administration – *Paper*	*Oct. 5 – Oct. 8* *10/05—Government* *10/06—Biology* *10/07—Government Make-up* *10/08—Biology Make-up*	*This administration has been deleted from HSA schedule*	*This administration has been deleted from HSA schedule*
HSA & Mod-HSA October Administration – *Online*	*Oct. 5 – 16*	*Oct. 5 – 19*	*Oct. 2 – 13*
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Logistic Training (in person) *For LACs and ESOL program managers and/or ESOL testing specialists*	*Oct. 23 (AM only)*	*TBD*	*TBD*

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Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>January HSA Administration</u>	*Nov. 30*	*Nov. 28*	*Nov. 27*
Local Accountability Coordination Meeting *Meeting to be held at MAG Conference*	*Oct. 20*	*Oct. 18*	*Oct. 17*
Local Accountability Coordination Meeting *Test Administration Training – MSA/PARCC*	*Jan. 20*	*Jan. 3*	*Jan. 2*
MSA Science *Alt-MSA Science* *Pre-test file submission*	*Jan. 4 - 22*	*Jan. 2 – Feb. 24*	*Jan. 2 – Feb. 23*
ELPA (ACCESS for ELLs® 2.0) *Administration Window*	*Jan. 6 – Feb. 12*	*Jan. 4 – Feb. 15*	*Jan. 8 – Feb. 14*
ELPA (ACCESS for ELLs® 2.0) Make-Up Window	*Feb. 15 – Feb. 29*	*Feb. 16 – Feb. 28*	*Feb. 15 – Feb. 28*
HSA January Administration – Paper	*Jan. 11 – 20* *1/11—Government* *1/12—Biology* *01/19—Government Make-up* *01/20—Biology Make-up*	*Jan. 9 – 12* *1/09—Government* *1/10—Biology* *01/11—Government Make-up* *01/12—Biology Make-up*	*Jan. 8 – 11* *1/08—Government* *1/09—Biology* *01/10—Government Make-up* *01/11—Biology Make-up*
HSA January Administration – Online	*Jan. 11 – 22*	*Jan. 9 – 20*	*Jan. 8 – 19*

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Unique Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>*PARCC Fall*</u> *administration*	**PBA**: *Oct. 23* **EOY:** *Nov. 6*	**TBD**	**TBD**
PARCC Assessment – Operational <u>**Fall**</u>	**PBA:** Nov. 30 – Dec. 18 **EOY:** Dec.14 – Jan. 15 *All paper testing should take place during the first 10 days of the PBA and EOY online windows.*	**TBD**	**TBD**
Unique Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>*MSA Science Administration*</u>	*Jan. 22*	*March 10*	*Feb.3*
Local Accountability Coordination Meeting (via Web-Ex)	*Feb. 2*	*Feb. 7*	*Feb. 6*
Alt-MSA Science: Last date for Portfolio Construction	*Oct. – Feb.* *Exact portfolio window has not been determined.*	*The National Center for State Collaborative (NCSC) assessments replaces the Alt-MSA* **TBD**	*The National Center for State Collaborative (NCSC) assessments replaces the Alt-MSA* **TBD**
NCSC	*March – May* *Exact testing dates have not been determined.*	TBD	TBD
Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>*May HSA Administration*</u>	*April 8*	*April 7*	*April 6*
MSA Science Test Administration – Paper **Science testing in Grades 5 and 8**	**Paper** March 2 – 15 **Online** March 2 – April 1	**Paper** April 24 – May 5 **Online** April 24 – May 12	**Paper** April 2 – 13 **Online** April 2 – 20 *(No testing April 6)*
MSA Science: *Deadline for LACs to submit Post-test files*	April 20	*June 19*	*June 1*
PARCC Assessment – Spring Operational	*Paper: Apr. 4 – May 27* *Online: Apr. 4 – June 10*	TBD	TBD
HSA May Administration – Paper	*May 23 – 24* - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - *5/23—Government* *5/24—Biology*	*May 22 – 23* - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - *5/22—Government* *5/23—Biology*	*May 21 – 22* - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - *05/21—Government* *05/22—Biology*

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HSA May Make-up Testing – Paper	*May 31 – June 1 and* *June 6 – 7* - - - - - - - - - - - *5/31—Government Make-up* *6/01—Biology Make-up* *6/06—Government Make-up* *6/07—Biology Make-up*	*May 24 – May 25 and* *June 5 – 6* - - - - - - - - - - - *5/30—Government Make-up* *5/31—Biology Make-up* *6/05—Government Make-up* *6/06—Biology Make-up* *(No testing May 29, 30 and June 1)*	*May 29 – May 30 and* *June 4 – 5* - - - - - - - - - - - *05/29—Government Make-up* *05/30—Biology Make-up* *06/04—Government Make-up* *06/05—Biology Make-up*
HSA May Administration – Online	*May 23 – June 10* *(No testing May 30)*	*May 22 – June 9* *(No testing May 29)*	*May 21 – June 8* *(No testing May 28)*
Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>Summer HSA Administration</u>	*June 10*	*June 9*	*June 8*

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Local Accountability Coordination Meeting *(This full-day meeting includes training for Alt-MSA Administration for next testing year) Intended participants: LACs and Alt-MSA Facilitators*	*June 7*	*June 6*	*June 5*
HSA Summer Administration **Week #1 Testing – Paper** *Note: First Summer HSA and Mod-HSA (Paper) testing week has* <u>*one make-up day*</u> *used for all contents.*	*July 25 – 27* *7/25—Government* *7/26—Biology* *7/27—Make-up for both contents*	*July 24 – 26* *7/24—Government* *7/25—Biology* *7/26—Make-up both contents*	*July 23 – 25* *07/23—Government* *07/24—Biology* *07/25—Make-up for both contents*
HSA Summer Administration **Week #1 Testing – Online**	*July 25 – 29*	*July 24 – 28*	*July 23 – 27*
HSA Summer Administration **Week #2 Testing – Paper** *Note: Second Summer HSA and Mod-HSA (Paper) testing week have* <u>*one make-up day*</u> *used for all contents*	*Aug. 1 – 3* *8/01—Government* *8/02—Biology* *8/03—Make-up for both contents*	*July 31 – Aug. 2* *7/31—Government* *8/01—Biology* *8/02—Make-up both contents*	*July 30 – Aug. 1* *07/30—Government* *07/31—Biology* *08/01—Make-up both contents*
HSA Summer Administration **Week #2 Testing – Online**	*Aug. 1 – 5*	*July 31 – Aug. 4*	*July 30 – Aug. 3*