

2026-2027 Kansas Assessment Program Overview



All tests are delivered in Kite® Student Portal (except HGSS) and include multiple-choice and technology-enhanced items. KELPA speaking and writing assessments are human scored. All other assessments are machine-scored. Interim and 2nd grade assessments are optional. General summative, Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment (KELPA), History, Government, and Social Studies (HGSS), and Dynamic Learning Maps® (DLM®) assessments are mandatory.

Assessment Type	Subject	Grades	Estimated Time to Complete ¹	District Need Not Test Date ⁵	Recently Arrived in U.S. Exemption Date ²
Classroom-based Assessment	HGSS	4, 7, and either 10, 11, or 12*	Varies	4/15/27	N/A
General Summative Assessments	English Language Arts (ELA) Math	3–8, 10	Two sessions, 45–60 mins each	Enrolled on or after 3/22/27	Arrived after 3/22/26 exempted from ELA. Must take KELPA.
	Science	5, 8, 11			Recently Arrived student required to take Math and Science.
Interim Assessments	ELA Math	3-8, 10	One session, 45–60 mins	N/A	N/A
	Science	5 & 8			
Instructional Mini Tests ³	ELA Math	3-8, 10	Varies	N/A	N/A
	Science	3, 4, 5, 6-8, and 9-12			
Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessments	ELA Math	3-8, 10	Varies	3/22/27	Recently Arrived student required to take math. Arrived after 3/23/26 exempt from ELA. Must take WIDA Alt ACCESS.
	Science	5, 8, 11			Recently Arrived student required to take Science.
KELPA Assessments ⁴	Four domains: Reading, Speaking, Listening, & Writing	K–12	Varies	N/A	No exemption date. Required for all identified EL students.
WIDA Alternate ACCESS	Four domains: Reading, Speaking, Listening, & Writing	K-12	Varies	N/A	EL students that qualify for the DLM.
Career Pathways Assessment (cPass)	Comprehensive Agriculture, Plant Systems, Animal Systems	9–12	Varies	N/A	N/A
2 nd Grade Reading Assessment	Optional 2 nd grade assessment	2	Two sessions, 25-30 mins each	N/A	N/A
KELPA Screener and WIDA Alternate Screener	Four domains: Reading, Speaking, Listening, & Writing	K-12	Varies	N/A	N/A
AMOSS Participation Data Check**	ELA, Math, Science, KELPA	K–12	N/A	N/A	N/A

¹ Time estimates are for scheduling purposes only. Kansas Assessments are *untimed*. Please provide adequate time for students to finish.

² First entry by an ESOL student in a U.S. school.

³ Teacher-assembled Instructional Mini Tests, which may be tailored to specific curriculum as needed, are available to assign once KEDS Course Resources are published.

⁴ Headphones with microphone required.

⁵ Students who are new to the district after the first day of the testing window are not required to test and do not count against participation. Students who move within a district after the first day of the testing window are required to test and will count against participation if they are not tested.

*HGSS- the district determines one grade, either 10, 11, or 12, to administer and report CBA scores through their Student Information System.

**Tentative dates: Districts will receive an email from KSDE when AMOSS opens.

2026-2027 Assessment Activities



Test Coordinator Webinars

Kansas District Test Coordinators (DTCs), Building Test Coordinators (BTCs), and Technology Coordinators are invited to join monthly training webinars throughout the school year. Topics vary each month and focus on upcoming dates, deadlines, and updates related to assessment administration. These webinars are conducted live via Zoom, but a video recording of the webinar and a PDF of the slides used will be posted in the days following each webinar on [KAP Test Coordinator Training Webinars](#). Each webinar will take place on the third Thursday of the month at 1pm. Calendar invites are linked on each date below.

[August 20](#)

[September 17](#)

[October 15](#)

[November 19](#)

[December 17](#)

[January 21](#)

[February 18](#)

[March 11](#)

[April 15](#)

[May 20](#)

Virtual Test Coordinator Training

Required training for **Virtual Test Coordinators** with students **testing remotely** in the spring. Each training will start at 2pm. Additional information will be sent out closer to training dates.

January 6

February 3

March 3

Regional Test Coordinator Trainings

Annual Test Coordinator Trainings will take place in half-day sessions. Veteran District Test Coordinators are required to attend a single session that will run from 8:30-11:30am or from 12:30-3:30pm. **Register for training in Salina, Topeka, or Maize [here](#).** Training in Sublette is linked below.

September 10 – Salina: USD 305 Board of Education Office

September 24 – Topeka: Bishop Professional Development Center

October 8 – [Sublette: Southwest Plains Regional Service Center](#)

October 27 – Maize: Maize Performing Arts and Aquatic Center

New Test Coordinator Bootcamp

All new District Test Coordinators are required to attend a full day test coordinator bootcamp. New Building Test Coordinators are encouraged to attend as well. Required test security and ethics training will be included in this day. Bootcamp participants do not attend the regional training. Register [here](#).

October 1 – Topeka: Bishop Professional Development Center

October 14 – Hays: Rockwell Administrative Center

October 28 – Maize: Maize Performing Arts and Aquatic Center

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

All DLM resources, including test coordinator and test administrator checklists, can be found on the [Dynamic Learning Maps and Essential Elements](#) page of ksde.gov.

ACT, PreACT 8/9, and WorkKeys

All resources for the ACT, PreACT 8/9, and WorkKeys assessments can be found on the [ACT Kansas](#) page.

KAP Deadlines

- August 28: Update Kite Educator Portal user accounts
 - Deactivate personnel that have left the district or no longer need an account
 - Update roles for personnel that have changed positions in the district
 - Add new district personnel that need accounts
- September 1: Publish KEDS Course resources (*formerly TASC Records*) to KSDE.
 - These resources give teachers access to their rosters in Kite.
 - Teachers can **only** assign Instructional Mini Tests or administer Interim Assessments if KEDS Course Resources are published.
- September 1: Update Personal Needs Profiles (PNP) for those students who need accommodations for Interim Assessments and Instructional Mini Tests
- October 5: Fall Interim Assessment Window Opens
- October 30: Fall Interim Assessment Window Closes
- November 20: Last day to enter PNP for students needing Braille on the General Summative Assessment
- November 30: Fall cPass Window Opens
- December 18: Fall cPass Window Closes
- January 11: Spring Interim Window Opens
- January 31: TTS for Passages and Graphics Applications due to ttspassages@ksde.gov by the end of the day
- February 5: Spring Interim Window Closes
- February 15: Spring cPass Window Opens
- February 26: Last day to enter PNP settings in Kite for students approved for TTS Passages and Graphics
 - Must be entered by the end of the day to complete the approval process.
- March 12:
 - Test Security and Ethics Trainings and Agreements must be completed and signed by **all** personnel administering KAP assessments
 - Deadline to enter all PNP settings for the general assessments.
- March 19: Spring cPass Window Closes
- March 22:
 - General Summative Assessment window opens for ELA, Math, and Science
 - Optional Second Grade Reading Assessment window opens
- April 23:
 - General Summative Assessment Brick and Mortar window closes for ELA, Math, and Science
 - Last day to enter Special Circumstance codes for students who tested during the General Summative Assessment Brick and Mortar window
 - Optional Second Grade Reading Assessment window closes

TASC Records

Signing up students to take Interim Assessments, Instructional Mini Tests, and optional 2nd Grade Reading Assessment will take place through the KEDS system. For students to be sent to Kite, staff section association and student section association data need to be submitted to KEDS.

TEST Records

The information collected on TEST records to order student summative assessments will be collected in the KEDS system. **More information on how this will work will be available later.** Students that will be taking one of the cPass assessments (Comprehensive Agriculture, Plant Systems, or Animal Systems) will be ordered using the KEDS system. This information is submitted to KEDS using the Student Assessment Resource.

KELPA Deadlines

- January 4:
 - Ensure all personnel administering or scoring KEPLA have active Educator Portal accounts.
 - Update PNPs for students taking KELPA.
- January 29: Test Security and Ethics Trainings and Agreements must be completed and signed by **all** personnel administering KELPA assessments
- February 1: KELPA Testing Window Opens
- March 12:
 - KELPA Testing Window Closes
 - Last day to enter Special Circumstance Codes for students who tested during the KELPA window.
- April 9: KELPA Scoring Window closes

WIDA Alternate ACCESS

All resources for the WIDA Alternate ACCESS assessment and WIDA Alternate Screener can be found on the [Kansas | WIDA](#) page.

- All year: Administer WIDA Alternate Screener to EL students who also qualify for the DLM. Refer to the [KS WIDA Alternate Screener Participation Decision Tree](#) to determine eligibility.
- November 30 – December 18:
 - Test Materials Ordering Available in WIDA AMS
 - Load Pre-ID/Student Import File into WIDA AMS
- January 20 - 21: Districts receive test materials
- January 20 – February 26: Additional Test Material Ordering Window in WIDA AMS
- February 1: WIDA Alternate ACCESS Window Opens
- March 12: WIDA Alternate ACCESS Window Closes
- March 24: Deadline for Shipping Completed Materials to DRC – *Postmark date*

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