2025-2026 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]	Testing Window	Need Not Test Date	Recently Arrived in U.S. Exemption Date[2]
Classroom-based Assessment	HGSS	4, 7, and either 10, 11, or 12*	Varies	Submit Scores in KIDS EOYA Collection	4/15/26	N/A
General Summative Assessments	English Language Arts (ELA)	3–8, 10	Two sessions, 45–60 mins each	**Students testing at a Brick & Mortar School** 3/23/26 to 4/24/26 **Full Time Virtual Student testing remotely** 4/27/26 to 5/8/26	Enrolled on or after 3/23/26	Arrived after 3/23/25 exempted from ELA. Must take KELPA.
	Math	3–8, 10	Two sessions, 45–60 mins each			Recently Arrived student required to take Math.
	Science	5, 8, 11	Two sessions, 45-60 mins each			Recently Arrived student required to take Science.
Interim Assessments	ELA Math	3-8, 10	One session, 45–60 mins	**Fall** 10/6/25 to 10/31/25 **Spring** 1/12/26 to 2/6/26	N/A	N/A
	Science	5 & 8				
Instructional Mini Tests[3]	ELA Math	3-8, 10	Varies	Available to assign starting 9/2/25	N/A	N/A
	Science	3, 4, 5, 6-8, and 9-12				
Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessments	ELA Math	3-8, 10	Varies	**Fall** 9/8/25 to 12/19/25 **Spring** 2/2/26 to 4/24/26	3/23/26	Recently Arrived student required to take math. Arrived after 3/23/25 exempt from ELA. Must take WIDA Alt ACCESS.
Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessments	Science	5, 8, 11	Varies	2/3/26 to 4/24/26	3/23/26	Recently Arrived student required to take Science.
KELPA Assessments[4]	Four domains: Reading, Speaking, Listening, & Writing	K–12	Varies	2/2/26 to 3/13/26 Human scoring completed by 4/6/26	N/A	No exemption date. Required for all identified EL students.
WIDA Alternate ACCESS	Four domains: Reading, Speaking, Listening, & Writing	K-12	Varies	2/2/26 to 3/13/26	N/A	EL students that qualify for the DLM.
Career Pathways Assessment (cPass)	Comprehensive Agriculture, Plant Systems, Animal Systems	9–12	Varies	**Fall** 12/1/25 to 12/19/25 **Spring** 2/16/26 to 3/20/26	N/A	N/A
2nd Grade Reading Assessment	*Optional 2nd grade assessment*	2	Two sessions, 25-30 mins each	3/23/26 to 4/24/26	N/A	N/A
KELPA Screener	Four domains: Reading, Speaking, Listening, & Writing	K-12	Varies	Year Round	N/A	N/A
AMOSS Participation Data Check	ELA, Math, Science, KELPA	K–12	N/A	7/6/26 – 7/22/26**	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 9/2/25 and vary in length. Find more information at ksassessments.org.

4 Headphones with microphone required.

***HGSS- the district determines one grade, either 10, 11, or 12, to administer and report CBA scores in EOYA Collection.**
****Tentative dates**

2025-2026 Assessment Activity Timeline

Month	Day	Activity
August	5	Required DLM test administrator training opens for teachers. Must complete by September 8.
	21	KAP Test Coordinator Webinar 1:00 p.m.
	29	DTCs make sure all personnel needing Educator Portal accounts have them.
	29	DTCs update Educator Portal accounts, deactivate accounts for personnel no longer in the district or no longer involved with assessments.
	29	Enroll and roster students eligible for DLM. Make sure students are enrolled **before** sending TASC records.
September	2	Submit TASC records for Interim Assessments and Instructional Mini Tests.
	2	Instructional Mini Tests are available to assign for ELA, Math, and Science.
	8	DLM test administrators complete First Contact Surveys and enter PNPs. First Contact Survey must be submitted prior to creating instructional plans.
	8	PreACT 8/9 material ordering window opens. Deadline October 17.
	8	DLM Instruction and Assessment Planner opens. Teachers must enter instructional plans for ELA and Math for each student. Teachers provide instruction on the Essential Elements and assess when the student is ready. Blueprint coverage must be completed by December 19.
	18	KAP Test Coordinator Webinar 1:00 p.m.
	29	PreACT 8/9 for **grade 9** students opens. Closes November 7.
October	1	WorkKeys paper administration Fall Window 1.
	1	WorkKeys Online testing for Fall Window 1 & 2 opens. Closes November 10.
	1	WorkKeys w/accommodations Fall Window 1: October 1-3, 6-10, & 13.
	6	Interim Assessment window opens. Closes October 31.
	16	KAP Test Coordinator Webinar 1:00 p.m.
	29	WorkKeys paper administration Fall Window 2.
	29	WorkKeys w/accommodations Fall Window 2: October 29-30, November 3-7, & 10.
	31	Interim Assessment window closes.
November	20	KAP Test Coordinator Webinar 1:00 p.m.
	21	Last day to submit TEST records and enter PNP for students needing Braille.
December	1	Fall cPass testing window opens. Closes December 19.
	1	WIDA Alternate ACCESS Pre-ID upload and initial material ordering window opens in WIDA AMS.
	18	KAP Test Coordinator Webinar 1:00 p.m.
	19	Last day to complete fall DLM for ELA and Math. Instruction and Assessment Planner closed until February 3, 2026.
	19	Fall cPass testing window closes.
	19	WIDA Alternate ACCESS Pre-ID upload and initial material ordering window closes. WIDA AMS will be shut down at the end of the day.

January	5	DTCs ensure all personnel administering or scoring KELPA have Educator Portal accounts.
	5	Submit TEST records and enter PNPs for students taking KELPA.
	12	Interim assessment window opens. Closes February 6.
	15	KAP Test Coordinator Webinar 1:00 p.m.
	31	TTS for ELA Passages Checklist Application due to TTSpassages@ksde.gov

February	2	Test Security and Ethics Training must be completed by *all* personnel administering KELPA.
	2	KELPA test window opens. Closes March 13.
	2	KELPA *scoring* window opens. Closes April 6.
	2	WIDA Alternate ACCESS Assessment window opens. Closes March 13.
	2	DLM spring window opens for ELA, Math, and Science. Blueprint coverage must be completed by April 24.
	6	Interim Assessment window closes.
	16	Spring cPass window opens. Closes March 20.
	19	KAP Test Coordinator Webinar 1:00 p.m.
	24	ACT: Paper administration of state paid ACT for **juniors**. Window 1.
	24	ACT Online Window 1: February 24-27, March 2-6.
	24	ACT w/ accommodations Window 1: February 24-27, March 2-6.
	25	WorkKeys paper administration Spring Window 1.
	25	WorkKeys Online testing for Spring Windows 1 & 2 open. Closes April 20.
	25	WorkKeys w/accommodations Spring Window 1: February 25-27, March 2-6, & 9.
	27	Last day to enter PNPs in Kite for students that have been pre-approved for TTS for ELA Passages. Must be entered in Kite by 5:00 pm to complete the approval process.

March	2	Submit TEST records for ELA, Math, Science, and update PNPs.
	2	Submit TASC records for 2nd Grade Reading Assessment (*optional*).
	12	KAP Test Coordinator Webinar 1:00 p.m.
	13	Test Security & Ethics Training must be completed by *all* personnel administering KAP assessments.
	13	WIDA Alternate ACCESS testing window closes.
	13	KELPA testing window closes. Last day to enter SC codes for KELPA.
	20	Spring cPass window closes.
	23	KAP Assessment window opens for ELA, Math, and Science. Closes April 24 (Brick & Mortar).
	23	2nd Grade Reading Assessment (*optional*) testing window opens. Closes April 24.

April	6	KELPA scoring window closes. Last day to upload writing booklets & scores to Kite.
	7	ACT: Paper administration of state paid ACT for **juniors**. Window 2.
	7	ACT Online Window 2: April 7-10 & 13-17.
	7	ACT w/accommodations Window 2: April 7-10 & 13-17.
	8	WorkKeys paper administration Spring Window 2.
	8	WorkKeys w/accommodations Spring Window 2: April 8-10, 13-17, & 20.
	16	KAP Test Coordinator Webinar 1:00 p.m.
	20	WorkKeys Online closes for Spring Windows 1 & 2.
	21	Paper administration of state paid ACT for **juniors**. Window 3.
	21	ACT Online Window 3: April 21-24, 28-30, May 1-2.
	21	ACT w/accommodations Window 3: April 21-24, 27-30 and May 1.
	24	KAP Assessment window closes: ELA, Math, and Science (Brick & Mortar).
	24	Last day to enter SC codes for KAP and DLM assessments. Must enter for each subject.
	24	DLM Assessment window closes.
	24	2nd Grade Reading Assessment window closes.
	27	KAP Assessment window opens for full time virtual students testing remotely. Closes May 8.

May	8	Assessment window closes for full-time virtual students testing remotely. Last day to enter SC Codes for virtual students testing remotely.
	21	KAP Test Coordinator Webinar 1:00 p.m.
June	17	DLM reports available.
July	6	AMOSS Participation Data Check Window Opens (*tentative)*. Closes July 22.

NEW! Required training for **Virtual Test Coordinators** with students **testing remotely**

October	1	Virtual Test Coordinator webinar 1pm.
November	5	Virtual Test Coordinator webinar 1pm.
December	3	Virtual Test Coordinator webinar 1pm.
January	7	Virtual Test Coordinator webinar 1pm.
February	4	Virtual Test Coordinator webinar 1pm.

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