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2026-2027
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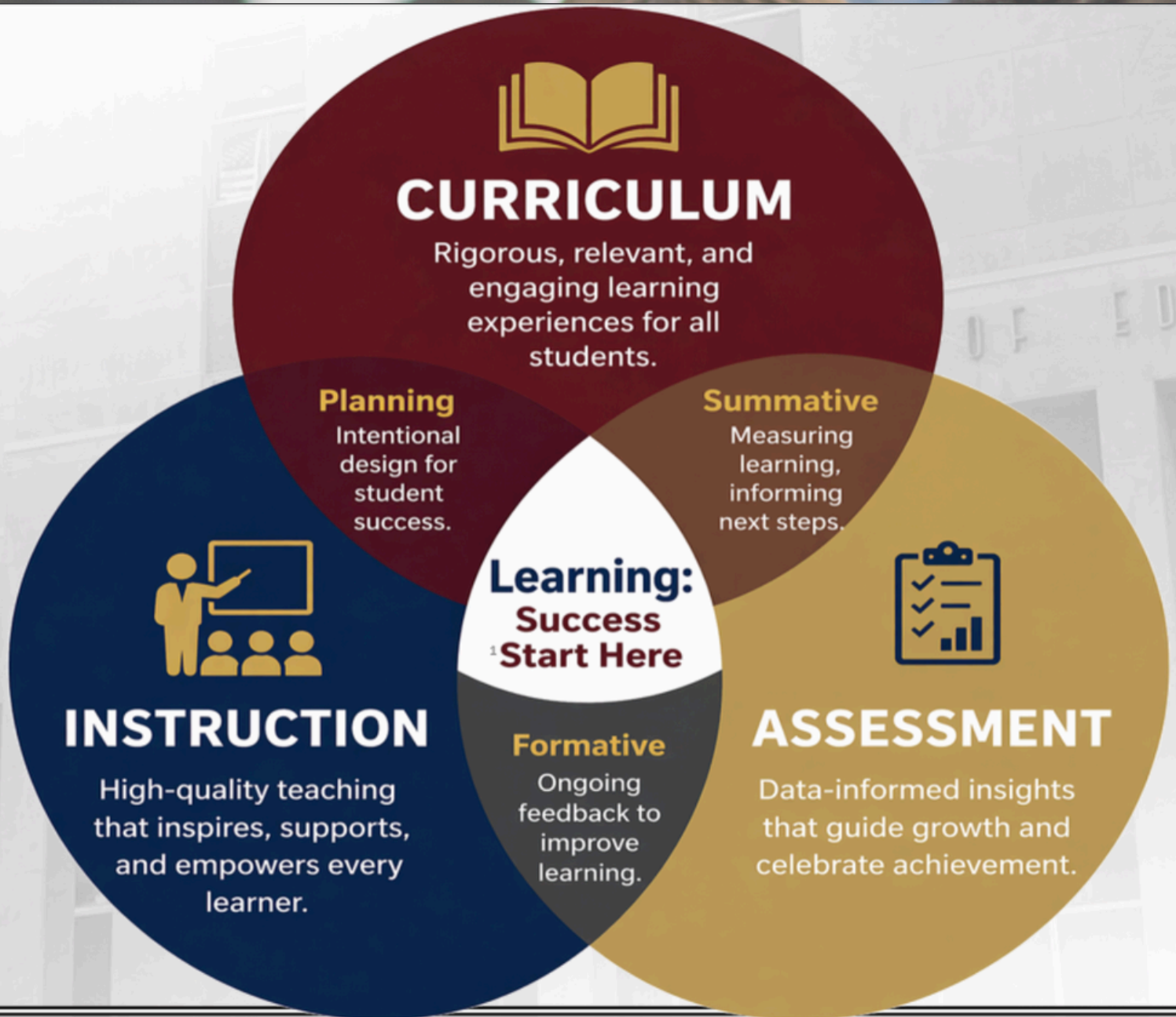
STUDENT ASSESSMENT

ASSESSMENT, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND RESEARCH



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BIRMINGHAM CITY SCHOOLS STUDENT ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

System of Assessments



BIRMINGHAM CITY SCHOOLS SYSTEM OF ASSESSMENTS

MULTIPLE MEASURES. | TARGETED INSIGHT. | STUDENT SUCCESS.

	STATE ASSESSMENTS	DISTRICT BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS	DISTRICT COMMON ASSESSMENTS
 K-8 GRADES	✓ ACAP Summative (Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program) ✓ ACAP Alternate (Alternate Assessment) ✓ WIDA ACCESS (English Language Proficiency)	✓ i-Ready Diagnostic (K-8) Provides real-time data on student growth and instructional needs.	✓ SAVVAS Common Assessments (Multiple Subjects) Standards-aligned assessments administered throughout the year to monitor mastery and inform instruction.
 9-12 GRADES	✓ ACT (11th Grade) ✓ Pre ACT (10th Grade) ✓ WorkKeys (11th Grade) ✓ WIDA ACCESS (English Language Proficiency) ✓ Civic Exam (State Requirement)	✓ NWEA Diagnostic (9-11) Provides real time data on student growth and instructional needs.	✓ SAVVAS Common Assessments (Multiple Subjects) Standards-aligned assessments administered throughout the year to monitor mastery and inform instruction.

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*Elementary, Middle &
K-8 Schools*

Assessment	Purpose	Grade Level(s)	Assessment Window Date(s)
ACAP Alternate	Summative	2-8	March 1 – April 2, 2027
ACAP Summative	Summative	2-3 3-8	March 15 – April 9, 2027 March 15 – April 23, 2027
ACAP Summative Practice Test	Summative	2-8	October 2026 February 2027
AlaKids		K	August – September, 2026
ALA Portfolios Checkpoint	Alabama Literacy Act Requirement	3	December 2026 March 2027
BIMAS-2 The Behavior Intervention Monitoring Assessment System	Benchmark	K-12	Window 1 – August 2026 Window 2 – January 2027 Window 3 – May 2027
Brigance	Benchmark & Progress Monitoring	As appropriate	*Initial Screening: August 17 –September 18, 2026
Civics	Summative	12	Last 3 weeks of the 9-week grading period.
Classworks	Benchmark & Progress Monitoring	K-12 As appropriate	*Initial Screening: August 17 –September 18, 2026 Ongoing progress monitoring bi-weekly

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Cursive Writing Assessment	Lexi's Law	3	May 2027
Dyslexia Awareness Screener	Screener	K-5	January, 2027
Early Numeracy Screener	Screener	K-2 Numeracy	BOY Initial Screener October 1–October 31, 2026 *August 4–October 31, 2026 (*1–2 can begin August 4) MOY Screener 2 January 5– February 6, 2027
Math Formative Benchmark Assessment	Benchmark	K-5 Math	BOY August 3–September 11, 2026 MOY December 1, 2026– January 22, 2027 EOY April 12–May 14, 2027
Fractional Reasoning Screener	Screener	4/5/2026	Initial Screener 1st Semester–Should be given before the grade-level fractional instruction is started Screener 2 2nd Semester–Should be given after the grade-level fractional instruction is completed
Gifted Child Find	Gifted Services Eligibility	2	August 2026 – April 2027

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I-Ready (Reading & Math) I-Ready Offline (Reading Only)	Benchmark & Progress Monitoring Benchmark	K-8 K-3	Window 1: August 17 – September 11, 2026 Window 2: December 1-17, 2026 Window 3: – April 19 – May 14, 2027
NWEA	Benchmark	8 9-10	EOY : May 17-28, 2026 BOS: August 17-28; January 11-22 EOS:December 1-17, 2026; May 17-28, 2026
PreACT	Summative	9	October 13-15, 2026
PreACT Secure	Summative	10	October 13-15, 2026
PSAT / NMSQT	Summative	11	September 28-October 23, 2026
Self-Evaluation Tool (SET)	Benchmark		*September 21-25, 2026
Self-Assessment Survey (SAS)	Benchmark		*November 30- December 11, 2026

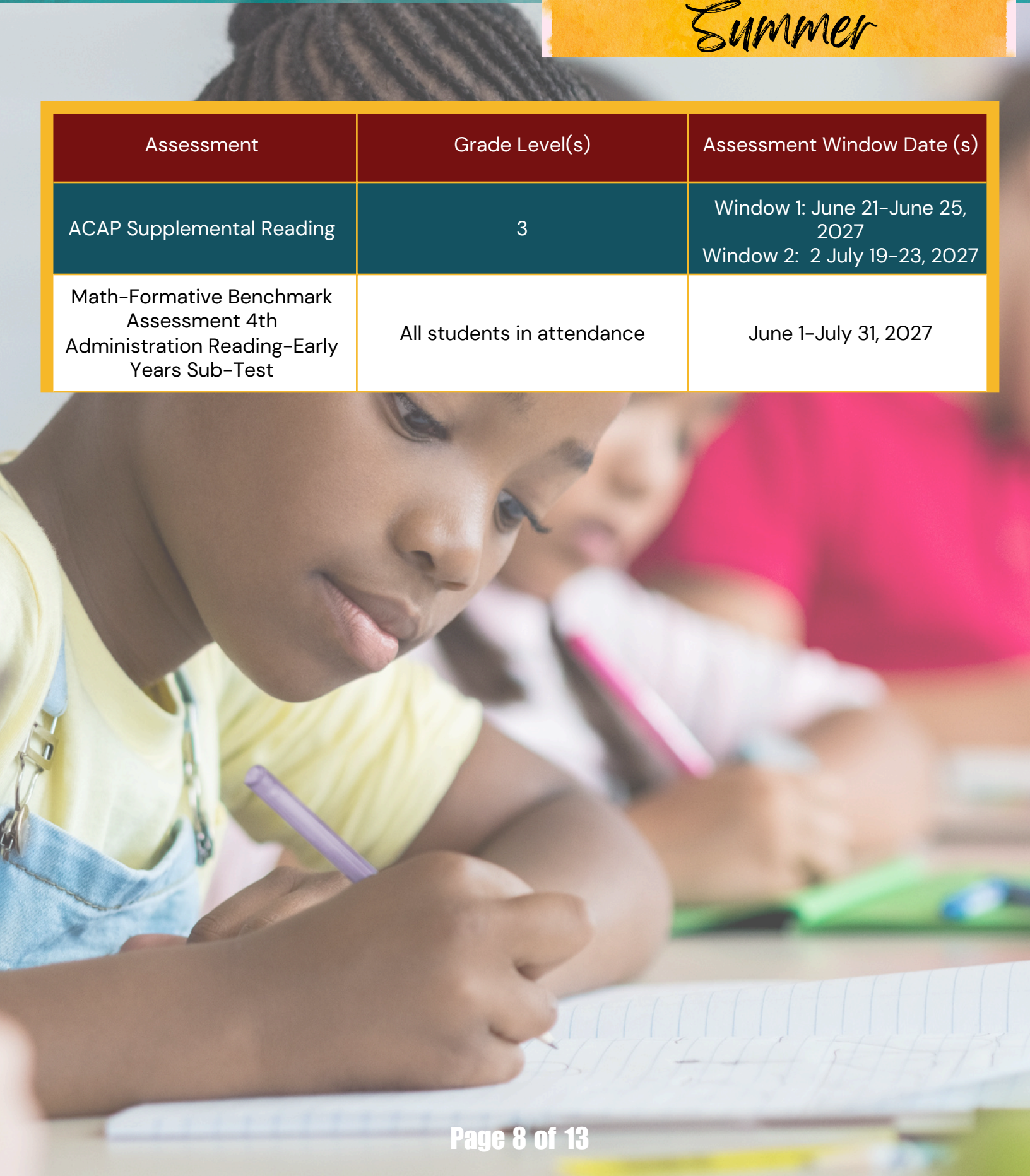
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WIDA ACCESS Online WIDA Alternate ACCESS WIDA Screener	Summative (WIDA Screening)	K-12	January 19 – March 12, 2027 WIDA Screening – Ongoing
WIDA ACCESS PRACTICE TEST	Summative Practice	K-12	December 1-17, 2026
Writing Assessment	Benchmark	K-5	*Window 1 – August – September , 2026 *Window 2 – December -, 2026 *Window 3 – April – May , 2027

Elementary
Summer

Assessment	Grade Level(s)	Assessment Window Date (s)
ACAP Supplemental Reading	3	Window 1: June 21–June 25, 2027 Window 2: 2 July 19–23, 2027
Math–Formative Benchmark Assessment 4th Administration Reading–Early Years Sub–Test	All students in attendance	June 1–July 31, 2027



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High Schools -Fall-

Assessment	Purpose	Grades(s)	Assessment Window Date (s)
(Fall) (BOS) (NWEA) ELA & Math Teachers will assess	Benchmark	9th-12th grade	Aug. 19 – 26
(Fall) (BOS) Writing ELA Teachers will assess	Benchmark	10th & 11th grade	Aug. 21
SAVVAS (ELA & Math)	Progress Monitoring (PM1)	9th – 12th grade	Sept. 21-28
Writing Assessment	Progress Monitoring (PM1)	10th & 11th grade	Sept. 22
PreACT Secure	Benchmark	10th grade	Oct. 12– 16
ACT Work Keys	Summative	10th, 11th, 12th grade	Oct. 14 – 21
SAVVAS (ELA & Math)	Progress Monitoring (PM2)	9th-12th	Nov. 2 – 9
Writing Assessment	Progress Monitoring (PM2)	10th & 11th grade	Nov. 3
(EOS) (NWEA) ELA & Math Teachers will assess	Benchmark	9th-12th grade	Nov. 30 – Dec. 4
(EOS) Writing ELA Teachers will assess	Benchmark	10th & 11th grade	Dec. 1

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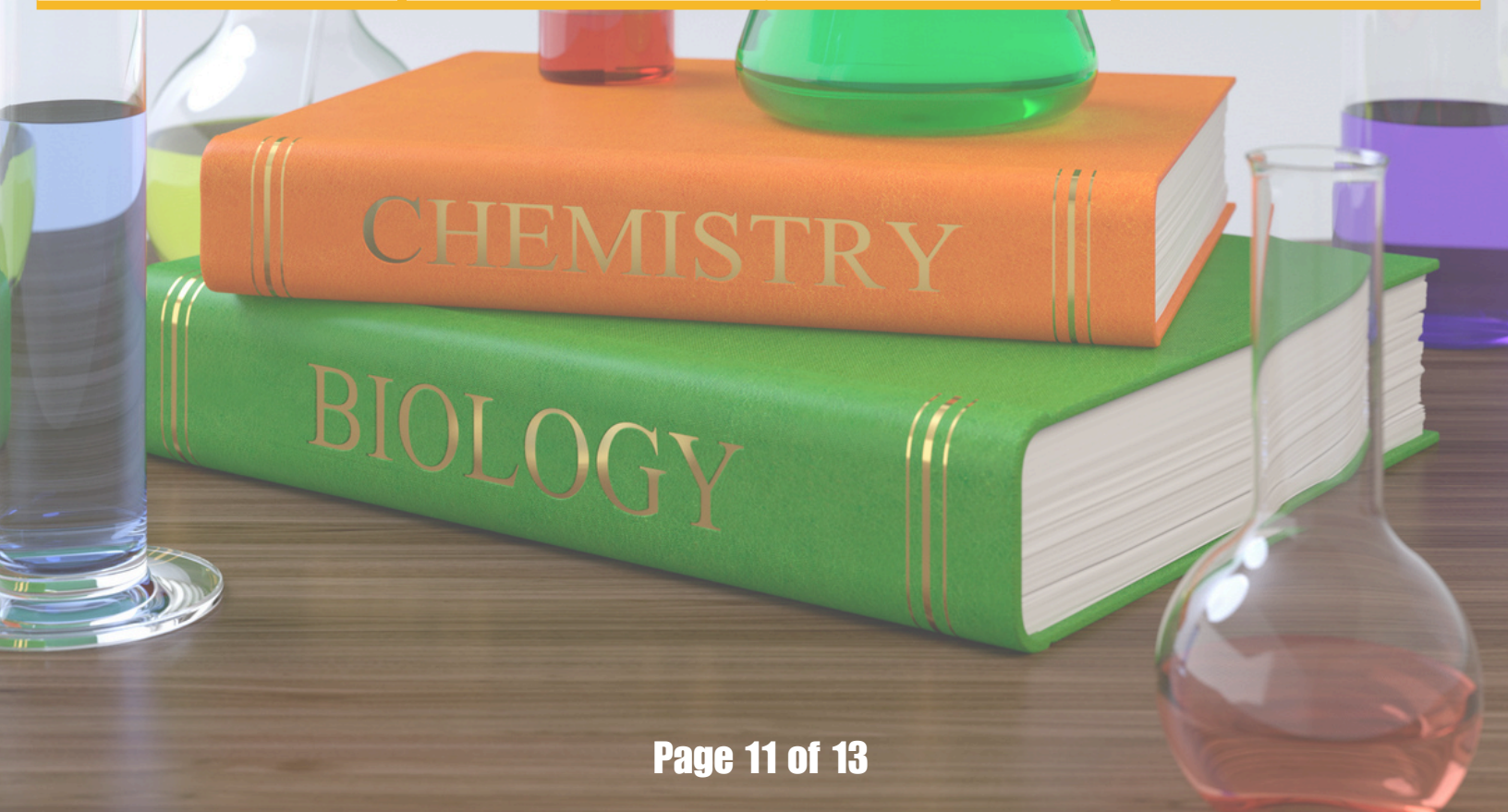
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WIDA ACCESS for ELLs	Benchmark	9-12	Jan.12-Mar. 13
WIDA ACCESS Practice Test	Summative	9-12	December 1-17, 2026
MOS_(NWEA)_	Benchmark	9-12	Jan. 12 - 19
(MOS) Writing ELA Teachers	Benchmark	10-11	Jan. 13
WIDA Testing	Summative/Benchmark	9-12	Jan.19-Mar.12
(SAVVAS) ELA & Math	Progress Monitoring (PM1)	9-12	Feb. 8-12
Writing Assessment	Progress Monitoring (PM1)	10-11	Feb. 9
Work Keys Retest	Summative	12	Feb. 24-Mar. 8
ACAP Alternative	Summative	10-12	Mar. 2-Apr. 3
ACT with Writing Online Testing (11th grade)			Mar. 9-12
ACT with Writing Online Testing Make-up (11th Grade)			April 6-16

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SAVVAS- ELA & Math	Progress Monitoring (PM2)	9 - 12	Apr. 5-12
Writing Assessment	Progress Monitoring (PM2)	10- 11	Apr. 6
Seal of Biliteracy Test	Summative	9-12	September 1- December 17, 2026
(EOS) (NWEA)	Benchmark	9-12	May 10-17
EOS) Writing ELA Teachers	Progress Monitoring (PM3)	10-11	May 2026
Advanced Placement	Summative	10-11	May 3-14 , 2027



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*Additional
Sped Ed.*

Assessment	Purpose	Grade Level (s)	Assessment Window Date (s)
Classworks ARIS Brigance MobyMax Corrective Reading Corrective Math Everyway (Formerly N2Y) ELPP (Entry – MUST be completed within 30 days of the 1st day of service)	Fall Screener and Baseline Assessments	K-12 (As Appropriate)	Aug. 10– Sept. 10, 2026
Weekly Formative Assessment	Progress Monitoring	K-12	Nov. 30, 2026–Jan. 7, 2027
Classworks ARIS Brigance MobyMax Corrective Reading Corrective Math Everyway (Formerly N2Y)	Winter Screener and Benchmark Assessment	9-12	September 1– December 17, 2026
Weekly Formative Assessment	Progress Monitoring	9-12	Jan. 11–Mar. 19, 2027
Classworks ARIS Brigance MobyMax Corrective Reading Corrective Math ELPP (Exit)	Spring Screener and Benchmark Assessment	10-11	Apr. 1–May 5, 2027

Breakthrough

