

Mississippi Kindergarten - Grade 3 Assessment Timeline
July 2025 - June 2026

Timeline for Universal Screener Assessment (Component 1)

Mississippi State Board Policy Rule 41.1 paragraph 7 states that all students in kindergarten and grades 1 through 3 shall be administered a state-approved screener within the first 30 days of school and repeated at mid-year and at the end of the school year to identify any deficiencies in reading. Students may be screened within the first thirty (30) days of school.

Dates	Audience	Activity Description
July 21, 2025 – September 19, 2025 <i>Per state law, parents must receive written notification of a substantial deficit in reading within ten (10) business days of administering the BOY screener.</i>	Required for ALL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 1-3 	Beginning of Year (BOY) Assessment Window
November 17, 2025 – December 19, 2025 <i>Per state law, parents must receive written notification of a substantial deficit in reading within ten (10) business days of administering the MOY screener.</i>	Required for ALL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 1-3 	Middle of Year (MOY) Assessment Window
April 20, 2026 – May 15, 2026 <i>Per state law, parents must receive written notification of a substantial deficit in reading within ten (10) business days of administering the EOY screener.</i>	Required for ALL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 1-3 	End of Year (EOY) Assessment Window

*Grades 1-3 students identified through the **BOY Universal Screener** whose results are below grade level should be assessed to determine targeted instructional support and interventions.*

Timeline for Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (Component 2)

Senate Bill 2572 requires ALL Kindergarten students to be assessed at the beginning and end of the year. Mississippi State Board Policy Rule 41.1 paragraph 7 states that all students in kindergarten and grades 1 through 3 shall be administered a state-approved screener with in the first 30 days of school and repeated at mid-year and at the end of the school year to identify any deficiencies in reading. Students may be screened within the first thirty (30) days of school.

Dates	Audience	Activity Description
July 21, 2025 – September 19, 2025 <i>Per state law, parents must receive written notification of a substantial deficit in reading within ten (10) business days of administering the BOY screener.</i>	Required for ALL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public K Public Pre-K Early Learning Collaboratives State Invested Pre-K (SIP) 	K-Readiness Pretest Window
November 17, 2025 – December 19, 2025 <i>Per state law, parents must receive written notification of a substantial deficit in reading within ten (10) business days of administering the MOY screener.</i>	Required for ALL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public K May but not required for ALL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Pre-K Early Learning Collaboratives State Invested Pre-K (SIP) 	K-Readiness MOY Window
April 20, 2026 – May 15, 2026 <i>Per state law, parents must receive written notification of a substantial deficit in reading within ten (10) business days of administering the EOY screener.</i>	Required for ALL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public K Public Pre-K Early Learning Collaboratives State Invested Pre-K (SIP) 	K-Readiness Post-Test Window

*Kindergarten students identified through the **Kindergarten Readiness Assessment** whose results are below grade level should be assessed to determine targeted instructional support and interventions.*

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Timeline for 3rd Grade Assessments for Promotion (Component 3)

The 3rd Grade Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP)-ELA Assessment is the assessment to determine promotion/retention.

Dates	Audience	Activity Description
<p>April 6, 2026 – April 17, 2026†</p> <p><i>Per state law, parents must receive Individual Student Reports immediately after the district receives the reports.</i></p> <p>† Grade 3 ELA UPDATE : Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, both grade 3 ELA sessions should be administered in the initial grade 3 window (4/6/26 - 4/17/26) to receive scores for retest assignments. The initial grade 3 reading and writing may only be given during the regular window (4/27/26 - 5/15/26) for extenuating circumstances (i.e. transfer students, medical emergencies, etc.)</p> <p><i>If a student misses the early window, test them upon their return to school within the Spring window, which is open until May 15, 2026. The student will also need to take Retest 1.</i></p>	Required for ALL 3 rd Grade Students	3 rd Grade MAAP-ELA Assessment
<p>May 11, 2026 – May 15, 2026</p> <p><i>Per state law, parents must receive Individual Student Reports immediately after the district receives the reports.</i></p>	Retest Window #1	MAAP 3 rd Grade Reading Alternative Assessment
<p>June 22, 2026 – June 26, 2026</p> <p><i>Per state law, parents must receive Individual Student Reports immediately after the district receives the reports.</i></p>	Retest Window #2	