

GUIDANCE ON HB 4359: STATE TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADES 3-8

With the approval of [HB 4359](#), districts are required to administer all grade 3-8 state assessments during the final four (4) weeks of the school calendar beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. This requirement does not apply to the Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP) or to grade 11 College- and Career-Readiness Assessments (CCRA) including the ACT.

DETERMINING THE LAST FOUR WEEKS

State assessments for grades 3-8 must occur during the last four weeks of the academic calendar year. Districts should count these weeks based on their board-approved calendar, regardless of whether the calendar includes shortened weeks of less than five (5) school days, adjusted schedules, or a mid-week end date. Districts should therefore plan accordingly if the school year ends mid-week or if there are shortened weeks at the end of the year.

For example, if a district's last day with students is Wednesday, May 12, 2027, the final four weeks would be April 19-23, April 26-30, May 3-7, and May 10-12. These dates constitute the last four weeks even if the district operates four-day weeks or has modified schedules during this period.

REMOTE PROCTORING

Students enrolled in full-time virtual programs must also test during the district's final four (4) weeks. The statute provides no exceptions for virtual schools. As such, virtual programs must ensure sufficient staffing and planning to administer all required 3-8 assessments within the designated testing window.

MAKEUP TESTING

The testing window must accommodate makeup testing for absent students. All OSTP subjects must be administered within this timeframe: English Language Arts (ELA), including grades 5 and 8 writing, mathematics, and science.

Please email assessments@sde.ok.gov with any questions.

