

Einstein Elementary 2017-18 Assessment Schedule

Each spring, all Washington public school students in grades 3-8 are assessed to provide meaningful feedback and data that teachers and other educators can use to help students succeed. Students are assessed in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math using Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA). Students in grades 5-8 are also assessed in Science using the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS).

GRADE 3	Testing Dates
SBA ELA CAT	Tuesday 5/22
SBA ELA PT 1	Thursday 5/24
SBA ELA PT 2	Friday 5/25
SBA Math CAT	Wednesday 5/30
SBA Math PT	Thursday 5/31
GRADE 4	Testing Dates
SBA ELA CAT	Tuesday 5/8
SBA ELA PT 1	Thursday 5/10
SBA ELA PT 2	Friday 5/11
SBA Math CAT	Monday 5/14
SBA Math PT	Thursday 5/17
GRADE 5	Testing Dates
SBA ELA CAT	Tuesday 5/8
SBA ELA PT 1	Thursday 5/10
SBA ELA PT 2	Friday 5/11
SBA Math CAT	Monday 5/14
SBA Math PT	Thursday 5/17
WCAS (Science)	Friday 5/18

SBA: Smarter Balanced Assessments

ELA: English Language Arts

CAT: Computer Adaptive Test—Adaptive tests taken on a computer adjust to a student’s ability by basing the difficulty of future questions on previous answers. An adaptive test gives a more precise estimate of a student’s ability than a paper/pencil test. This type of test gives an accurate measure of a student’s current performance on the Washington state standards and is a reasonable testing experience for students.

PT: Performance Task—A Performance Task challenges students to apply their knowledge and skills in response to a real-world problem. The task is a collection of questions and activities that connect to a single theme. This task is designed to measure a student’s depth of understanding, ability to answer difficult questions, and the ability to use and cite research in support of an idea.

WCAS: Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science

Useful Links:

LWSD Website on State Assessments: <https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/curriculum-instruction/testing-and-grades/state-assessments>

LWSD Website on SBA: <https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/curriculum-instruction/testing-and-grades/state-assessments/smarter-balanced-assessment>