



AMERICAN CLASSICAL ACADEMY
RUTHERFORD

2025-26 Testing Calendar

FIRST ASSESSMENT WINDOW (AUGUST 11, 2025 - OCTOBER 13, 2025)		
Assessments	Grades	Assessment Dates
ELPA 21 Screener (incoming potential EL students only)	K-6	August 11 - September 9, 2025 (as new students arrive - 30 days)
Fall Universal Reading Screener - Aimsweb	K-6	August 25 - September 12, 2025
NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (Reading and Math)	2-6	September 22 - October 3, 2025
SECOND ASSESSMENT WINDOW (OCTOBER 14, 2025 - DECEMBER 19, 2025)		
Winter Universal Reading Screener - Aimsweb	K-6	December 1 - December 19, 2025
THIRD ASSESSMENT WINDOW (JANUARY 7, 2026 - MARCH 20, 2026)		
NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (Reading and Math)	2-6	January 12 - January 23, 2026
ELPA 21 Summative Assessment (EL students only)	K-6	February 2 - March 27, 2026
FOURTH ASSESSMENT WINDOW (MARCH 24, 2026 - MAY 27, 2026)		
Spring TCAP Window	3-6	April 13 - May 1, 2026
Spring Universal Reading Screener - Aimsweb	K-6	May 4 - May 15, 2026
NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (Reading and Math)	2-6	May 11 - May 22, 2026

Assessment and Testing Overview – American Classical Academy Rutherford (ACAR)

In addition to the required **Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP)**, American Classical Academy Rutherford (ACAR) utilizes a comprehensive assessment strategy to support student growth and instructional effectiveness. All assessment data is shared with teachers and staff and is used to inform instructional practices, professional development, and individualized student support.

Assessment results guide decisions and ensure alignment with the school's core curriculum, offering valuable insights into student progress and areas for growth. Key assessments administered include:

AimsWeb

- Administered to monitor foundational skill development and student growth.
- Results are reviewed collaboratively by teachers to inform instructional strategies.
- Data is used in discussions with families to support student learning.

NWEA (MAP Growth)

- Administered in the computer lab to assess academic progress in core subjects.
- Results are communicated to parents through formal letters sent home.
- Used to identify trends and inform instructional planning.

ELPA21 (English Language Proficiency Assessment)

- Conducted one-on-one with English Learners.
- Results are communicated to parents through both letters and personal conversations with school leadership or faculty.
- Supports decision-making regarding EL services.

TCAP (Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program)

- Administered annually in the spring as a state-required measure.
 - Results are shared with families through official communication sent home.
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Communication of Assessment Information

ACAR is committed to transparency and consistent communication with families regarding assessments. Testing schedules, data summaries, and timelines are shared through:

- Informational letters from the Head of School
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Direct teacher communication
- Meetings with the Student Services Director
- Monthly "Coffee with the Head of School" sessions