2026 Kentucky Summative Assessments (KSA) Grades 3-8, 10 and 11 Important Dates

| User | Action | Begin Date |
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| Pearson | Load student data into PearsonAccessnext | Prior to March 30 |
| | PearsonAccess ^{next} live and training sites available for registration | March 30 |
| | Post Test Administration Manual (TAM) | January 2026 |
| DAC | Create user accounts (e.g., BAC) | PAN available at all times. |
| | Create test sessions | March 30 – June 5 |
| | Enter orders for accommodated test materials. | March 30 – June 3 |
| | Additional order window closes for ordering return materials | June 10 |
| | Prepare sessions | One to two weeks before testing |
| | Print testing tickets | One to two weeks before testing |
| | Start Testing and Monitor Sessions | April 13 – June 5 |
| BAC | Create user accounts (Online Test Administrators) | After DAC has created BAC account |
| | Create test sessions | March 30 – June 5 |
| | Prepare sessions | One to two weeks before testing begins |
| | Print testing tickets | One to two weeks before testing begins |
| | Start and monitor test sessions | April 13 – June 5 |
| Technology Staff | Prepare online testing environment | Can begin March 30 |
| | Configure TestNav 8 in PearsonAccessnext | Before test sessions are created |
| Test Administrators | Review TAM | Before testing begins |
| | Start and monitor test sessions | April 13 – June 5 |
| Students | Practice tests and TestNav 8 tutorials | Available always |
| | Take assessment | April 13 – June 5 |