

COMMITTEE DATES FOR SCIENCE EDUCATORS

As you are selecting which assessment committees you would like to apply for, below is an overview of all opportunities for educators with science content expertise. All dates for committees are subject to change as needed following committee selection. The deadline to apply is Monday, March 23. The deadline for some committees may close sooner. See the Department of Education's [Assessment Committees webpage](#) to learn more and apply.

Performance Level Descriptors (PLD) Committee

For each standard, explain the observable evidence of student achievement.

- Grades 3 to 8 & Biology (General Education)
- Grades 3 to 8 & Biology (Alternate Testing)

Mon Apr 6	Tue Apr 7	Wed Apr 8	Thu Apr 9	Fri Apr 10
X	X	X*	X*	
		X	X	

* Some educators from the general education committee will also be asked to participate on the alternate testing committee.

Alignment Studies Committee

Evaluate the alignment quality of assessments, making judgements on items' content and rigor.

- Grades 3 to 8 (General Education)
- Grades 3 to 8 (Alternate Testing)
- Grades 3 to 8 (English Learners*)
- Biology (General Education & Alternate Testing)

Mon May 11	Tue May 12	Wed May 13	Thu May 14	Fri May 15
	X	X		
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X*	
	X	X		

* Educators certified to teach English learners are welcome on all committees, but specifically required for alignment studies- general education and alternate testing committees. Those serving on the latter committee will participate for three days.

Standard Setting Committee

Review an assessment after the first administration to recommend set scores representative of established PLDs.

- Grades 3 to 8 (General Education)
- Grades 3 to 8 (Alternate Testing)
- Biology (General Education & Alternate Testing)

Mon Jun 22	Tue Jun 23	Wed Jun 24	Thu Jun 25	Fri Jun 26
X	X	X*	X*	X*
X	X	X*	X*	X*
		X	X	X*

* All educators will participate for 2 days. Some educators will participate 3 to 5 days.

Item Review Committee

Evaluate newly developed items before they are embedded into test forms as field test items.

- **Biology (General Education)**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Jun 22	Jun 23	Jun 24	Jun 25	Jun 26
X	X	X		

- **Grades 3 to 8 (Alternate Testing*)**
- **Grades 3 to 4 (General Education)**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Jul 6	Jul 7	Jul 8	Jul 9	Jul 10
	X			
	X	X	X	

- **Grades 5 to 6 (General Education)**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Jul 13	Jul 14	Jul 15	Jul 16	Jul 17
X	X	X	X	

- **Grades 7 to 8 (General Education)**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Jul 20	Jul 21	Jul 22	Jul 23	Jul 24
X	X	X	X	

Bias Review Committee

Identify material in items that creates bias, sensitivity, or accessibility concerns.

- **Biology (General Education)**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Jun 22	Jun 23	Jun 24	Jun 25	Jun 26
X	X	X	X	

- **Grades 3 to 8 (Alternate Testing)**
- **Grades 3 to 4 (General Education)**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Jul 6	Jul 7	Jul 8	Jul 9	Jul 10
	X			
	X	X	X	X

- **Grades 5 to 6 (General Education)**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Jul 13	Jul 14	Jul 15	Jul 16	Jul 17
X	X	X	X	

- **Grades 7 to 8 (General Education)**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Jul 20	Jul 21	Jul 22	Jul 23	Jul 24
X	X	X	X	