

2025-2026
G H S A



Calendar of Events

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NATIONAL TESTING DATES

PRINCIPALS - COUNSELORS

Please advise students of the 2025-2026 test date schedules. Your students should be aware of tournament dates and should attempt to schedule their respective test date away from tournament dates of the activities in which they are interested and participate.

Following are expected test dates for 2025-2026, and possible GHSA activity conflicts:

ACT ASSESSMENT DATES

ACTIVITY CONFLICT

July 12, 2025.....	None
September 6, 2025.....	None
October 18, 2025.....	FP Softball Sectionals
December 13, 2025.....	None
February 14, 2026.....	State Wrestling Tournament
April 11, 2026.....	None
June 13, 2026.....	None

SAT ASSESSMENT DATES

ACTIVITY CONFLICTS

August 23, 2025.....	None
October 4, 2025.....	None
November 8, 2025.....	Region Cross Country, Region One Act Play, Football
December 6, 2025.....	Football Playoff
March 14, 2026.....	Region/Area Literary, Basketball State Finals
May 2, 2026.....	Sectional Track Meets
June 6, 2026.....	None

ACT EXAM DATES

ACTIVITY CONFLICTS

Week 1 - May 4-8, 2026.....	Baseball, Lacrosse, Soccer & Tennis Playoffs, Area/Sectional Golf, State Track
Week 2 - May 11- 15, 2026.....	Baseball, Soccer & Lacrosse Playoffs

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Beginning and Ending Dates for 2025-2026

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ACTIVITY	DATE FOR FIRST PRACTICE	FIRST CONTEST	MAXIMUM GAMES/DATES	LAST PLAY DATE	PLAYOFF QUALIFIERS DETERMINED	First Round/ Sectionals	Second Round	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Finals
Football	Jul 28	Aug 15	10 (7 JV)	Oct 31	Nov 1	Nov 14-15	Nov 21	Nov 28	Dec 5	Dec 15-17
Cheerleading	Jul 28	Aug 9	6 (4JV)	Nov 1		Nov 8				Nov 14-15
Game Day	Jul 28	Sep 20		Nov 29						Dec 2-4
Softball (FP)	Jul 28	Aug 1	30 V/21 JV	Oct 9	Oct 9	Oct 14-16	Oct 21-23			Oct 29-Nov 1
Volleyball	Jul 28	Aug 4	18 (13 JV) Dates	Oct 9-11	Oct 9-11	Oct 14-15	Oct 18	Oct 21-22	Oct 25	Oct 29 Oct 30
Cross Country	Jul 28	Aug 11	10 (7 JV)	Nov 1	Nov 1	Nov 1				Nov 7-8
Flag Football	Sep 9	Sep 30	20 V/14 JV	Nov 29	Nov 29	Dec 4	Dec 4	Dec 8	Dec 8	Dec 15-17
One Act Play	Jul 28			Nov 1 Nov 8	Nov 1 Nov 8					Nov 15 Nov 22
Literary	Jul 28			Mar 7	Mar 7					Mar 14 Mar 21
Riflery	Jul 28	Oct 20		Feb 11	Feb 11	Feb 24			Mar 3	Mar 14
Swimming/Diving	Oct 6	Oct 20	10 (7 JV)	Jan 27						Feb 3-7
Dance	Oct 20	Nov 8	6 (4JV)	Jan 24		Jan 31				Feb 7
Basketball	Oct 20	Nov 7	25 (18 JV)	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 24-25	Feb 27-28	Mar 3-4	Mar 6-7	Mar 11-14
Wrestling (Duals)	Oct 20	Nov 7	20 (14 JV) Dates Total Duals and Trad	Jan 31	Jan 9-10 Jan 9 G, 10 B					Jan 16-17 Boys Jan 23-24, Girls
Wrestling (Traditional)	Oct 20	Nov 7	20 (14 JV) Dates Total Duals and Trad	Jan 31	Jan 30-31 Jan 30 G, Jan 31 B	Feb 6-7				Feb 12-14
Gymnastics	Jan 26	Feb 9	10 (7 JV)	Apr 15		Apr 21-22				Apr 23
Tennis	Jan 26	Feb 2	18 (13 JV) Dates	Apr 17	Apr 17	Apr 23	Apr 29	May 4	May 8	May 9
Soccer	Jan 19	Feb 9	18 (13 JV)	Apr 16	Apr 16	Apr 21-24	Apr 28-May 1	May 4-5	May 7-8	May 12-15
Track & Field	Jan 19	Feb 9	10 (7 JV)	Apr 25	Apr 25	May 2				May 8-9
Lacrosse	Jan 26	Feb 9	18 V/ 13 JV	Apr 22	Apr 22	Apr 28-29	May 1-2	May 5-6	May 8-9	May 15-16
Baseball	Jan 19	Feb 9	30 (21 JV)	Apr 18	Apr 18	Apr 22-25	Apr 29-May 1	May 6-8	May 14-15	May 22-23 May 25
Golf	Jan 26	Feb 9	12 (8JV) Dates	May 5	Apr 28 (4-6A) May 5, (1-3A, Priv)	May 4-5 (4-6A)				May 18-19
Softball (SP)	Feb 9	Feb 14	16	Apr 11	Apr 11					Apr 17-18

NOTES: Dates and more information for Bass Fishing and Esports may be found on the GHSA website (www.ghsa.net)

The "Dead Weeks" for the 2026-2027 school year are Monday, May 25 through Sunday, May 31, 2026 and Monday, June 29 through Sunday, July 5, 2026. The GHSA Office will be closed both weeks.

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July

- 28 First Practice - Cheerleading
- 28 First Practice - Cross Country
- 28 First Practice - Fast-Pitch Softball
- 28 First Practice - Football (In Pads)
- 28 First Practice - Game Day
- 28 First Practice - Literary
- 28 First Practice - One Act Play
- 28 First Practice - Riflery
- 28 First Practice - Volleyball

August

- 1 Earliest Date for Fast Pitch Softball Game
- 4 Earliest Date for Volleyball Contest
- 9 Earliest Date for Cheerleading Contest
- 11 Earliest Date for Cross Country Meet
- 15 Earliest Date for Football Game

September

- 9 Earliest Date for Flag Football Practice
- 9 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 20 Earliest Date for Game Day Cheerleading Contest
- 30 Earliest Date for Flag Football Contest

October

- 6 Earliest Date for Swimming and Diving Practice
- 9 Complete Region Fast Pitch Softball
- 9-11 Determine Area/Region Volleyball Winners
- 9 Report Region Fast Pitch Softball Winners to GHSA
- 14-16 State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament - First Round
- 14-15 State Volleyball Tournament - First Round
- 18 State Volleyball Tournament - Second Round
- 20 Earliest Date for Basketball Practice
- 20 Earliest Date for Dance Practice
- 20 Earliest Date for Riflery Match
- 20 Earliest Date for Swimming/Diving Meet
- 20 Earliest Date for Wrestling Practice
- 21-23 State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament - Second Round
- 21-22 State Volleyball Tournament - Quarterfinals
- 25 State Volleyball Tournament - Semifinals
- 31 End of Football Regular Season

November

- 1 Cross Country Sectional Meets
- 1 Last Contest Date for Cheerleading
- 7 Earliest Date for Basketball Game
- 7 Earliest Date for Wrestling Meet
- 8 Earliest Date for Dance Contest
- 8 Region Cheerleading
- 11 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 14-15 GHSA Cheerleading State Championships presented by Rebel Athletic
- 14-15 State Football Playoffs - First Round
- 21 State Football Playoffs - Second Round
- 28 State Football Playoffs - Quarterfinals
- 29 Last Contest Date for Game Day Cheerleading
- 29 Last Play Date for Flag Football

December

- 4 First Round/Sectional - Flag Football
- 4 Flag Football State Tournament - Second Round
- 5 State Football Playoffs - Semifinals
- 8 Flag Football State Tournament - Quarterfinals
- 8 Flag Football State Tournament - Semifinals
- 9 Hardship/Appeal Meeting

January

- 19 Earliest Date for Baseball Practice
- 19 Earliest Date for Soccer Practice
- 19 Earliest Date for Track and Field Practice
- 24 Last Contest Date for Dance
- 26 Earliest Date for Golf Practice
- 26 Earliest Date for Gymnastics Practice
- 26 Earliest Date for Lacrosse Practice
- 26 Earliest Date for Tennis Practice
- 27 Last Contest Date for Swimming and Diving
- 30-31 Traditional Wrestling Region/Area Tournaments
- 31 First Round/Sectional - Dance

February

- 2 Earliest Date for Tennis Match
- 6-7 Traditional Wrestling Sectionals
- 9 Earliest Date for Baseball Game
- 9 Earliest Date for Golf Match
- 9 Earliest Date for Gymnastics Contest

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February

- 9 Earliest Date for Lacrosse Match
- 9 Earliest Date for Slow-Pitch Softball Practice
- 9 Earliest Date for Soccer Match
- 9 Earliest Date for Track Meet
- 10 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 11 Complete Area Riflery
- 14 Earliest Date for Slow-Pitch Softball Contest
- 20 Complete Region Basketball
- 21 Report Region Basketball Winners to GHSA
- 24 Complete Riflery Sectionals
- 24 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 24-25 State Basketball Tournament - First Round
- 27-28 State Basketball Tournament - Second Round

March

- 3 Complete Riflery Semifinals
- 3-4 State Basketball Tournament - Quarterfinal Round
- 6-7 State Basketball Tournament - Semifinal Round
- 7 Complete Region/Area Literary Meets
- 7 Report Region/Area Literary Winners to GHSA
- 10 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 24 Hardship/Appeal Meeting

April

- 11 Complete Area Slow Pitch Softball
- 11 Report Area Slow Pitch Softball Winners to GHSA Office
- 14 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 15 Last Play Date - Gymnastics
- 16 Complete Region Soccer
- 17 Complete Region Tennis
- 17 Report Region Tennis Winners to GHSA
- 18 Complete Region Baseball
- 18 Report Region Baseball Winners to GHSA
- 22 Complete Area Lacrosse
- 22 Report Area Lacrosse Results to GHSA Office
- 22-25 State Baseball Tournament - First Round
- 23 State Tennis Tournament - Complete First Round
- 25 Complete Region/Area Track
- 25 Report Region/Area Track Winners to MileSplit
- 28-29 State Lacrosse Tournament - First Round
- 29-30 State Baseball Tournament - Second Round

April

- 29 State Tennis Tournament - Complete Second Round

May

- 1 State Baseball Tournament - Second Round
- 1-2 State Lacrosse Tournament - Second Round
- 2 Sectional Track Meets
- 4-5 Golf Sectionals (4A-6A)
- 4-5 State Soccer Tournament - Quarterfinal Round
- 4 State Tennis Tournament - Complete Quarterfinal Round
- 5-6 State Lacrosse Tournament - Quarterfinals
- 6-8 State Baseball Tournament - Quarterfinals
- 7-8 State Soccer Tournament - Semifinals
- 8-9 State Lacrosse Tournament - Semifinals
- 8 State Tennis Tournament - Complete Semifinal Round
- 9 State Tennis Tournament - Finals
- 14-15 State Baseball Tournament - Semifinals

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JULY 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 First Practice - Cheerleading First Practice - Cross Country First Practice - Fast-Pitch Softball First Practice - Football (In Pads) First Practice - Game Day First Practice - Literary First Practice - One Act Play First Practice - Riflery First Practice - Volleyball	29	30	31		

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AUGUST 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Earliest Date for Fast Pitch Softball Game	2
3	4 Earliest Date for Volleyball Contest	5	6	7	8	9 Earliest Date for Cheerleading Contest
10	11 Earliest Date for Cross Country Meet	12	13	14	15 Earliest Date for Football Game	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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SEPTEMBER 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Earliest Date for Flag Football Practice Hardship/Appeal Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Earliest Date for Game Day Cheerleading Contest
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Earliest Date for Flag Football Contest				

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OCTOBER 2025

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			1	2	3	4
5	6 Earliest Date for Swimming and Diving Practice	7	8	9 Complete Region Fast Pitch Softball Report Region Fast Pitch Softball Winners to GHSA	10 Determine Area/Region Volleyball Winners	11
12	13 Columbus Day	14 State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament - First Round State Volleyball Tournament - First Round	15	16	17	18 State Volleyball Tournament - Second Round
19	20 Earliest Date for Basketball Practice Earliest Date for Dance Practice Earliest Date for Riflery Match Earliest Date for Swimming/Diving Meet Earliest Date for Wrestling Practice	21 State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament - Second Round State Volleyball Tournament - Quarterfinals	22	23	24	25 State Volleyball Tournament - Semifinals
26	27	28	29	30	31 End of Football Regular Season	

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NOVEMBER 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Cross Country Sectional Meets Last Contest Date for Cheerleading
2	3	4 Election Day	5	6	7 Earliest Date for Basketball Game Earliest Date for Wrestling Meet	8 Earliest Date for Dance Contest Region Cheerleading
9	10	11 Veteran's Day Hardship/Appeal Meeting	12	13	14 State Football Playoffs - First Round GHSA Cheerleading State Championships presented by Rebel Athletic	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 State Football Playoffs - Second Round	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28 State Football Playoffs - Quarterfinals	29 Last Contest Date for Game Day Cheerleading Last Play Date for Flag Football
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DECEMBER 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 First Round/Sectional - Flag Football Flag Football State Tournament - Second Round	5 State Football Playoffs - Semifinals	6
7	8 Flag Football State Tournament - Quarterfinals Flag Football State Tournament - Semifinals	9 Hardship/Appeal Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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JANUARY 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 MLK, Jr. Day Earliest Date for Baseball Practice Earliest Date for Soccer Practice Earliest Date for Track and Field Practice	20	21	22	23	24 Last Contest Date for Dance
25	26 Earliest Date for Golf Practice Earliest Date for Gymnastics Practice Earliest Date for Lacrosse Practice Earliest Date for Tennis Practice	27 Last Contest Date for Swimming and Diving	28	29	30 Traditional Wrestling Region/Area Tournaments	31 First Round/Sectional - Dance

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FEBRUARY 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Earliest Date for Tennis Match	3	4	5	6 Traditional Wrestling Sectionals	7
8	9 Earliest Date for Track Meet Earliest Date for Soccer Match Earliest Date for Slow-Pitch Softball Practice Earliest Date for Lacrosse Match Earliest Date for Gymnastics Contest Earliest Date for Golf Match Earliest Date for Baseball Game	10 Hardship/Appeal Meeting	11 Complete Area Riflery	12	13	14 Earliest Date for Slow-Pitch Softball Contest
15	16 President's Day	17	18	19	20 Complete Region Basketball	21 Report Region Basketball Winners to GHSA
22	23	24 State Basketball Tournament - First Round Hardship/Appeal Meeting Complete Riflery Sectionals	25	26	27 State Basketball Tournament - Second Round	28

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MARCH 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 State Basketball Tournament - Quarterfinal Round Complete Rifle Semifinals	4	5	6 State Basketball Tournament - Semifinal Round	7 Complete Region/Area Literary Meets Report Region/Area Literary Winners to GHSA
8	9	10 Hardship/Appeal Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Hardship/Appeal Meeting	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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APRIL 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Good Friday	3	4 Easter
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Report Area Slow Pitch Softball Winners to GHSA Office Complete Area Slow Pitch Softball
12	13	14 Hardship/Appeal Meeting	15 Last Play Date - Gymnastics	16 Complete Region Soccer	17 Report Region Tennis Winners to GHSA Complete Region Tennis	18 Report Region Baseball Winners to GHSA Complete Region Baseball
19	20	21	22 Report Area Lacrosse Results to GHSA Office Complete Area Lacrosse	23 State Baseball Tournament - First Round State Tennis Tournament - Complete First Round	24	25 Report Region/Area Track Winners to MileSplit Complete Region/Area Track
26	27	28 State Lacrosse Tournament - First Round	29 State Baseball Tournament - State Tennis Tournament - Complete Second Round	30 State Baseball Tournament - Second Round		

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MAY 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 State Lacrosse Tournament - Second Round State Baseball Tournament - Second Round	2 Sectional Track Meets
3	4 Golf Sectionals (4A-6A) State Soccer Tournament - Quarterfinal Round State Tennis Tournament - Complete Quarterfinal Round	5 State Lacrosse Tournament - Quarterfinals	6	7 State Baseball Tournament - Quarterfinals	8 State Lacrosse Tournament - Semifinals State Soccer Tournament - Semifinals State Tennis Tournament - Complete Semifinal Round	9 State Tennis Tournament - Finals
10	11	12	13	14 State Baseball Tournament - Semifinals	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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JUNE 2026

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				