LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

Act 674 (2026) Assessment FAQ

This document provides answers to frequently asked questions regarding the implementation of Act 674 (2026) and the development of local assessment schedules for the 2026–2027 school year and beyond. It is intended to support public school governing authorities in understanding the law's requirements and completing the required assessment schedule, annual review, public posting, and reporting activities.

Question 1

Which assessments must be included on our school system assessment schedule?

Response

The school system assessment schedule should include all locally adopted or required assessments (i.e., common district assessments) that are administered at the direction of the public school governing authority and are not required by federal law, state law, or BESE policy. This includes locally required benchmarks, interim assessments, screeners, progress-monitoring assessments, and other system-mandated assessments. Classroom assessments, and other instructional checks administered at the teacher's discretion should ***not*** be included.

Question 2

What if an assessment is only administered to certain students?

Response

Assessments administered only to specific groups of students should still be included on the school system assessment schedule if they are locally adopted or required by the public school governing authority.

Question 3

How do we calculate testing minutes?

Response

Report the estimated testing time per administration for a typical student, excluding breaks, transition time, or login/setup time. If an assessment is administered multiple times during the year, also report the estimated annual testing time per student by multiplying the estimated time per administration by the number of administrations.

Question 4

Where must the school system assessment schedule be posted?

Response

The school system assessment schedule must be posted on the public school governing authority's publicly accessible website no later than November 1 of each school year.

Question 5

Should the local assessment schedule be posted as a PDF on the school system's website?

Response

Yes. School systems may choose to present the assessment schedule as a webpage; however, Act 674 requires that an accessible PDF copy of the schedule also be posted on the public website.

Question 6

What if our school system adopts a new local assessment after the November 1 deadline?

Response

If a new locally adopted or required assessment is implemented after the November 1 deadline, the school system should update the publicly posted assessment schedule as soon as practicable to ensure it accurately reflects current assessment practices. The change in the schedule should be reflected in the next submission to the LDOE.

Question 7

What is considered an annual assessment review?

Response

The annual assessment review is the school system's evaluation of each locally adopted or required assessment to determine whether it continues to serve its intended purpose, provides meaningful information to educators, avoids unnecessary duplication, and represents an effective use of instructional time. The "Outcome of Annual Review" column in the School System Assessment Calendar Template is intended to satisfy the annual local assessment review report requirement in Act 674. To meet this requirement, school systems must complete this column for each locally adopted or required assessment, indicating whether it was retained, reduced, consolidated, replaced, or eliminated. The completed column must be included in the version of the assessment schedule posted on the school system's website by November 1.

Question 8

How do we submit our school system assessment schedule to the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)?

Response

School systems must submit their assessment schedule annually through the Act 674 School System Submission Form by November 1 of each school year.