

# PLTW EoC Assessment Options Frequently Asked Questions

(Effective May 1, 2026)

## Overview

### What is changing on May 1, 2026?

Beginning May 1, 2026, PLTW will introduce a new high school assessment option designed for flexible, classroom-focused use. The existing End-of-Course (EoC) assessment remains available and continues to be supported but will be named the PLTW National Assessment to differentiate between the two assessment options PLTW will now be offering.

### What are the two assessment options?

Starting May 1, high school programs will have two options:

- **PLTW National Assessment (formerly EoC):** a nationally standardized assessment used for summative evaluation and, where applicable, credential or college credit opportunities.
- **PLTW Classroom Assessment (also referenced as the Essentials/Classroom option):** a flexible, instruction-aligned option intended for classroom use with immediate results.

### Will the End-of-Course (EoC) assessment be changing and when?

The EoC assessments will remain unchanged for the 2025–26 school year.

Beginning May 1, 2026, the new PLTW Classroom Assessment will be available year-round for flexible, classroom use.

Starting in the 2026–27 school year, the PLTW National Assessment (formerly the EoC) will transition to a single end-of-year testing window in May and will no longer be administered during the fall.

## Access and Delivery Platform

### Where do educators access the Classroom Assessment?

The Classroom Assessment will be delivered through the KITE platform.

### **Is PLTW changing assessment delivery platforms?**

PLTW is gradually modernizing assessment delivery. The Classroom Assessment will be available in the KITE platform on May 1, and PLTW will share additional updates as future phases are confirmed.

### **What do educators and students need to do differently to access the Classroom Assessment?**

PLTW will provide quick-start resources and guidance ahead of May 1. For schools, access will be coordinated through Kite. The Educator portal will be used for educators and the Student portal for students.

## Timing and Administration

### **When can educators administer the Classroom Assessment?**

The PLTW Classroom Assessment is available year-round starting May 1, 2026, so educators can administer it at a time that fits their instructional calendar.

### **Does the EoC assessment still use testing windows?**

Yes. The PLTW National Assessment (formerly the EoC) will continue to be administered within a designated testing window. During the 2025–26 school year, current testing windows remain unchanged. Starting in the 2026–27 school year, the assessment will shift to a single end-of-year testing window in May and will no longer be offered in the fall.

### **Do programs have to use the new PLTW Classroom Assessment?**

No. The PLTW Classroom Assessment is an additional option. Districts and schools can choose the approach that best aligns with their instructional goals and local policies.

## Results, Reporting, and Retakes

### **When are results available?**

- **PLTW Classroom Assessment:** Results are available immediately. Students see their results at the end of the assessment, and teachers can access results right away in the educator portal.
- **PLTW National Assessment (formerly EoC):** During the 2025–26 school year, results will be available within 24 hours. Starting in the 2026–27 school year, results will be released in July following the May testing window

### **Can students retake the PLTW Classroom Assessment?**

Yes. The new PLTW Classroom Assessment allows for flexible administration and restarts if needed.

**Will accommodations be available?**

Yes. Accommodations will be available and documented in updated guidance.

## Choosing the Right Option

**How should I decide which testing option to use?**

- Choose the PLTW National Assessment (formerly EoC) when you need standardized results for program evaluation, CTE reporting, or where applicable, credential or college credit opportunities.
- Choose the PLTW Classroom Assessment when your priority is instructional flexibility, immediate results, and supporting mastery-based learning in the classroom.

Both options are aligned to the same course blueprint, ensuring consistent rigor and alignment to PLTW course outcomes.

**Can students participate in both options, or do they have to choose one?**

Students do not have to choose one over the other as both can be taken together. These opportunities are designed to complement each other, not compete. In many cases, engaging in both can provide a more complete learning experience and allow students to demonstrate their knowledge in different ways.

**Will the assessments be aligned to PLTW course materials?**

Yes. The updated assessments are built to align with PLTW course outcomes and materials, using a consistent blueprint across options.

## Support and Resources

**What resources will PLTW provide?**

Expect a webinar/video walkthrough and quick-start resources to support educators and coordinators ahead of and after May 1.

**Who can I contact questions?**

Contact your PLTW representative or reach the PLTW Solution Center at 877.335.7589 or [solutioncenter@pltw.org](mailto:solutioncenter@pltw.org).