



# Understanding Your Child's Assessments

## Grade 11

Assessments help teachers understand what children know and what they need to learn. The results allow teachers and staff to adapt lessons to increase student achievement. At this grade level, students generally spend about 14 hours per school year taking standardized tests for district, state, and federal accountability.

July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
								<b>ACT</b>			
					<b>ACCESS</b>			<b>DLM</b>			

### For All Students

Assessment	Description	Early Start Calendar Dates	Traditional Calendar Dates
<b>ACT Plus Writing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures what students have learned in math, English, science, and writing</li> <li>Helps students understand what they need to accomplish in high school to build a rigorous course of study that will enable acceptance into college</li> <li>Schools use data for school improvement planning</li> <li>Administered online</li> </ul>	Test Window 1: Mar. 8-Mar. 17, 2022 Test Window 2: Mar. 22-Mar. 29, 2022 Test Window 3: April 12-April 21, 2022	

### For Some Students

Assessment	Description	Early Start Calendar Dates	Traditional Calendar Dates
<b>ACCESS for English Language Learners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses language progress in four areas: listening, reading, speaking, and writing</li> <li>Schools use data for school improvement planning</li> <li>Administered by computer</li> </ul>	Dec. 1, 2021-Jan. 28, 2022	
<b>Civics Test</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modeled after the naturalization test questions used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services</li> <li>Exam is a graduation requirement per the State of Wisconsin</li> <li>Administered by computer</li> </ul>	Schools determine testing windows over the course of the year.	
<b>Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures the academic progress of students who have significant cognitive disabilities</li> <li>Assesses English language arts, math, science, and social studies</li> <li>Schools use data for school improvement planning</li> <li>Administered by computer</li> </ul>	Mar. 21-April, 29, 2022	

If you have questions about your child's performance on these assessments, please contact your child's teacher. Please see the *MPS Parent Assessment* brochure for more information on the role you play in your child's assessments.