



# Understanding Your Child's Assessments

## Grade 12

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 approximately three 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>ACCESS</b>						

### 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>Teachers use data to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English proficiency</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.	

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.