



Understanding Your Child's Assessments

Grade 9

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 13 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
		STAR				STAR				STAR	
									ACT Aspire		
					ACCESS				DLM		

For All Students

Assessment	Description	Early Start Calendar Dates	Traditional Calendar Dates
ACT Aspire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures what students have learned in the areas of English, reading, math, science, and writing ACT Aspire scores predict how a student will perform on the ACT Schools use data for school improvement planning Administered by computer 	April 4-May 4, 2022	
STAR Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assesses reading and math progress Teachers use data to plan instruction and target student needs Administered by computer 	Aug. 23-Sep. 10, 2021 Jan. 10-Jan. 28, 2022 May 2-May 20, 2022	Sep. 13-Oct 1, 2021 Jan. 10-Jan. 28, 2022 May 2-May 20, 2022

For Some Students

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