Understanding Your Child’s Assessments
Grade 11

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

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For All Students

**Assessment** | **Description** | **Early Start Calendar Dates** | **Traditional Calendar Dates**
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ACT Plus Writing | - Measures what students have learned in math, English, science, and writing  
- Helps students understand what they need to accomplish in high school to build a rigorous course of study that will enable acceptance into college  
- Schools use data for school improvement planning  
- Administered on paper | Mar. 3, 2020 (Makeup date is Mar. 17, 2020) (Emergency makeup date is Mar. 31, 2020)

For Some Students

**Assessment** | **Description** | **Early Start Calendar Dates** | **Traditional Calendar Dates**
---|---|---|---
ACCESS for English Language Learners | - Assesses language progress in four areas: listening, reading, speaking, and writing  
- Teachers use data to monitor students’ progress in acquiring academic English proficiency  
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) | - 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. 23 – May 1, 2020
PSAT | - Measures what students have learned in math, reading, writing, and language  
- High PSAT scores could lead to an invitation for academic recognition or scholarship opportunity, and potential for advanced placement courses  
- Administered on paper | Oct. 16, 2019
Civics Test | - 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.

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.