Understanding Your Child’s Assessments
Grade 7

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 less than eight hours per school year taking standardized tests for district, state, and federal accountability.

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| STAR Test  | • Assesses reading and math progress  
• Teachers use data to plan instruction and target student  
• Administered by computer | Aug. 19 – Sept. 6, 2019  
Dec. 2 – Dec. 20, 2019  
Apr. 27 – May 15, 2020 | Sept. 9 – Sept. 27, 2019  
Jan. 6 – Jan. 24, 2020  
May 18 – June 5, 2020 |
| Wisconsin Forward Exam | • Assesses students in English language arts and math  
• Schools use data for school improvement planning  
• Administered by computer | | Mar. 23 – May 1, 2020 |

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| 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  
• Administered by computer | Dec. 2, 2019 – Jan. 31, 2020 | |
| 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 | |

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.