

School Year 2023-2024

Middle School Assessments Overview (Grades 6-8)

Diagnostic and Growth Assessments: Administered throughout the year to gather data to adjust and enhance instruction. For more information, please see the [DCPS Assessment Guide for Families](#).

Assessment Name	Description	Grade Level	Testing Window	Duration	Report
i-Ready Math Diagnostic	Computer-based assessment that measures baseline math skills and progress, using a computer-based assessment.	6 th -8 th (Students not enrolled in Algebra or Geometry)	Beginning, Middle and End of Year	45 minutes	Information is chiefly used to inform instruction. Your student's results are available upon request from classroom teachers or during Parent-Teacher Conferences.
NWEA MAP Math Content Assessments	Computer-based adaptive assessment that measures students' understanding of algebra and geometry concepts and tracks student progress.	Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II students only	Beginning, Middle and End of Year	45 minutes	
Reading Inventory (RI)	Computer-adaptive reading & phonics assessments that measure students' reading levels and help teachers adjust instruction according to students' needs and track students' progress.	6 th -8 th	Beginning, Middle and End of Year	25-30 minutes	
Phonics Inventory (PI)		6 th -8 th Students who score <600 on RI	Beginning, Middle and End of Year	15 minutes	
NWEA MAP Science	Computer-based adaptive assessment that measures students' understanding of NGSS Earth and Space Science concepts and tracks student progress.	6 th -8 th	Beginning, Middle and End of Year	45 minutes	
SAGE Social Studies Assessment	Computer-based assessment that measures student growth toward Common Core State Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies.	6 th -8 th	Pre-test: Beginning of Year Post-test: End of Year	Pre-test 45 minutes Post-test 90 minutes	
STAMP	Web-based and computer adaptive assessment assessing student proficiency in world languages to be used for student placement and to inform curriculum and instruction.	8 th	End of Year	90 minutes up to 2.5 hours	

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Curriculum-Based Assessments: Administered throughout the year to gather data to adjust and enhance instruction. For more information, please see the [DCPS Assessment Guide for Families](#).

Assessment Name	Description	Grade Level	Testing Window	Duration	Report
ANet ELA Interim Assessment	Computer-based assessment that measures students' progress in ELA towards meeting Common Core State Standards (CCSS), aligned to the DCPS scope & sequence.	6 th -8 th	At the end of Terms 1-3	90 minutes	Information is chiefly used to inform instruction. Your student's profile is available upon request from classroom teachers or during Parent-Teacher Conferences.
Illustrative Math Unit Assessments	Curriculum-based assessments that measure students' progress in Math towards meeting Common Core State Standards (CCSS).	6 th -8 th	Throughout the course	30-45 minutes	
Required Curricular Tasks (RCTs)	Standards-aligned, formative experiences within the DCPS curriculum.	6 th -8 th	Throughout the course	30-45 minutes	

Placement Assessments: Places students in the right language courses based on needs and abilities

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English Level Proficiency Screening	Assesses new potential EL/ML students for English Level Proficiency (ELP) and ensures that eligible students are immediately able to access ESL/bilingual services. Occurs at the LAD Welcome Center, and parents are given an orientation on DCPS.	6 th -8 th New Potential ELs to DCPS	Screening occurs daily for New Potential EL students.	45 minutes up to 2 hours	Results can be given on the same day as the assessment.

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Summative Assessments: Administered in Spring 2023 to track annual progress as required by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education. Test Windows are approximate and set by your child's school.

Assessment Name	Description	Grade Level	Testing Window	Duration	Report
DC CAPE (Formerly PARCC/DC Science)	Computer-based assessment that measures students' progress toward meeting the ELA & Math Common Core State Standards (CCSS).	6 th -8 th	April 1 – May 24, 2024	~ 6 hours	Data is released in the Fall of the following school year
MSAA Multi-State Alternate Assessment	Computer-based assessment for qualifying students with severe cognitive disabilities that measures students' progress toward meeting alternate achievement standards.	6 th -8 th Qualifying students only	March 11 – April 26, 2024	Varies by Student	
Statewide General Assessment Science (Formerly DC Science)	Computer-based assessment that measures students' progress toward the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).	8 th	April 1 – May 24, 2024	3 hours	
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Science Alternate Assessment	Measures students' progress toward achievement of learning standards in science.	8 th Qualifying students only	March 11 – April 26, 2024	Varies by Student	
DC Health & PE Assessment (HPEA)	Assesses students' knowledge in health and physical education.	8 th	TBD	~ 30 minutes	
ACCESS for ELLS & Alternate ACCESS	Measures English language learners progress toward meeting the academic English language proficiency (ELP) standards.	6 th -8 th ELL students only	Feb. 12 – March 22, 2024	~ 4 hours	
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	"The Nation's Report Card", a congressionally mandated assessment used to assess progress in math and reading and develop ways to improve education in the United States.	8 th NAEP selected schools	Jan. 29 – March 8, 2024	~2 hours	