

School Year 2024-2025

High School Assessments Overview (Grades 9-12)

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 <i>(may vary due to course scheduling)</i>	Duration	Report
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	Beginning, Middle and End of Year	45 minutes	Information is chiefly used to inform instruction. Your student's profile is available upon request from classroom teachers or during Parent-Teacher Conferences.
NWEA MAP Growth Reading	Computer-based adaptive assessment measures student achievement and growth in foundational skills for emerging readers and reading comprehension and vocabulary skills for independent readers.	6 th – 8 th	Beginning, Middle and End of the Year	40-60 minutes	
MAP Biology	Computer-based adaptive assessment that measures students' understanding of NGSS Life Science concepts and tracks student progress.	9 th	Beginning, Middle and End of Year	90 minutes	
SAGE Social Studies Assessment	Computer-based assessment that measures student growth toward Common Core State Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies.	9 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 of student proficiency in world languages. Used for student placement and to inform curriculum and instruction.	9 th -12 th Level 2 students	End of Year	90 minutes up to 2.5 hours	

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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.	9 th & 10 th	Twice per school year	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).	Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II students	Throughout the course	45 minutes	
Required Curricular Tasks (RCTs)	Standards-aligned, formative experiences within the DCPS curriculum.	9-12	Throughout the course	45-60 minutes	

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

Assessment Name	Description	Grade Level	Testing Window	Duration	Report
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.	9 th -12 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 2025 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 Assessments ELA & Math (Formerly PARCC)	Computer-based assessment that measures students' progress toward meeting the ELA & Math Common Core State Standards (CCSS).	Students enrolled in Algebra I/II, Geometry and English I/II	April 6 – May 22, 2026 <i>April 6 – May 15, 2026 *paper accommodation window</i>	~ 6 hours	Data is released in the Fall of the following school year
DC CAPE - Science (Formerly DC Science)	Computer-based assessment that measures students' progress toward the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).	Students enrolled in HS Biology	April 6 – May 22, 2026 <i>April 6 – May 15, 2026 *paper accommodation window</i>	Varies by Student	
MSAA Multi-State Alternate Assessment	Computer-based assessment for qualifying students with severe cognitive disabilities that measures students' progress toward meeting alternate achievement standards.	11 th & C3 Qualifying students only	March 9 – April 24, 2026	3 hours	
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Science Alternate Assessment	Measures students' progress toward achievement of learning standards in science.	Qualifying students enrolled in Biology only	March 9 – April 24, 2026	Varies by Student	
ACCESS for ELLS & Alternate ACCESS	Measures English language learners progress toward meeting the academic English language proficiency (ELP) standards.	9 th -12 th ELL students only	Feb. 9 – March 20, 2026	~ 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.	12 th NAEP selected schools	Jan. 26 – March 20, 2026	~2 hours	

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College and Career: <i>Prepares students college admissions and career readiness</i>					
Assessment Name	Description	Grade Level	Testing Window	Duration	Report
Advanced Placement (AP) Exams	Measures learning in AP courses. With qualifying scores, students may be eligible to receive college credit.	9 th -12 th students enrolled in AP classes	May 6-17, 2024 (regular) May 22-24 (late)	2-4 hours per test	Initial scores will be available in July 2024. Corrections and updates will come in through September 2024.
International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams	Measures learning in IB courses and with a qualifying score, students are eligible to receive college credit.	11 th & 12 th grade students enrolled in IB	April 24 – May 17, 2024	3-4 hours per test	Available July 2022
PSAT 8/9	Measures skills students need to be on track for success as they transition to high school.	9 th	October 7-31, 2024	2 hours 14 minutes	Available between October 22 and November 12, depending on test date.
PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT)	Provides practice for the SAT. In grade 11, determines eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship.	10 th & 11 th	October 7-31, 2024	2 hours 14 minutes	Available between October 24 and November 14, depending on test date.
SAT	Measures reading, writing and math skills. Required for most college applications.	11 th & 12 th	October 7-31, 2024 (12 th) March 5-28, 2025 (11 th)	2 hours 14 minutes	Approximately 2-3 weeks after exam date