

Assessments are used to produce informed and effective instruction.

Our comprehensive assessment program for 2009-10

Dark shading: state testing Light shading: school district assessments No shading: optional or school-level tests

Assessment	Grades	Purpose	Dates Assessed
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA-II) MCA- II -Reading MCA- II—Math MCA-II—Science	3-8 & 10 3-8 & 11 5, 8 & 10	To evaluate instruction against the Minnesota State Standards in Language Arts and Math	Grades 3-8 Reading—April 13 & 14 Math—April 20 & 21 Science – Grade 5: April 27&28 Grade 8: April 28 & 29 Grade 10 : May 11-14
Graduation-Required Assessments for Diploma (GRAD)	Writing: Grade 9 Retests Grade 10 & 11 Reading: Grade 10 Math: Grade 11	To assure students have the basic skills needed to graduate from high school.	Writing—April 13 Writing Retests: November 3, July 20 Reading—April 13 &14 Math—April 13 &14 Reading and Math Retests— TBD
Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Reading Math	2-9 2-9	To examine student growth and performance over time.	Fall testing— September 10– October 2 Winter testing—January 4 - 29 Spring testing—May 3—28
DIBELS	K-5	To examine student growth and performance over time.	September, November, February & May Progress Monitoring weekly or bi-weekly
Math CBM	K-5	To examine student growth and performance over time.	Benchmark: October, February & May Progress Monitoring weekly or biweekly
High Frequency Words	K-2	To examine student growth and performance over time.	First week of every month
EXPLORE	8	To assess achievement, career interest and study skills.	December 1
PLAN	10	To assess achievement, career interest and study skills.	October 20
Star Reading	4 & 5	To initial AR placement and level reading placement	TBD by building
Unit Tests	Elementary and Secondary	To assess student performance on the curriculum.	Varies
Other classroom assessments	Elementary and secondary	To monitor and adjust classroom instruction. Also used to help students see where they are in their learning.	Varies
Advanced Placement Tests	10,11,12		May
ACT/SAT	11,12	College Admission Test	Throughout year