

What standardized tests will my child take?

State Testing:

- Students participate in the annual Montana Comprehensive Assessment System (Mont-CAS) in the spring months.
- Students in Grades 3-8 and 11 will take the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) tests for Mathematics and English Language Arts in April and May of each year.
- Students in Grades 4, 8, and 10 will participate in the Measured Progress Science assessment in March.
- High School Juniors (Grade 11) can also participated in the ACT test free of charge in April/May of each year.

Formative Benchmarks Tests:

Great Falls Public Schools also utilizes a number of standardized benchmark tests for pre-testing, placement, and benchmarking purposes throughout the year. The purpose of these assessments is to identify a student's area of strengths and areas they need growth, which help teachers identify proper instructional interventions.

- Students in Grades K-6 participate in the NWEA Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test three times a year (Fall/Winter/Spring).
- Students in middle and high schools participate in the SMI and ISIP tests twice a year.

District Common Assessments:

These tests are locally created and implemented by classroom teachers as directly aligned to the local curriculum. The assessments are given in content areas or courses typically not covered by the state assessments (i.e. Social Studies, Science, Health/PE, etc.) at various times throughout the year.