



District Assessment Calendar 2024-2025

Assessment	Testing Dates	Purpose	Results
iReady Diagnostic Screener Grades K-9 Grade 10 (selected students)	September 10-October 10, 2024 January 9-February 9, 2025 (only for certain grades) May 1-May 31, 2025	The purpose of the mandated universal screener is to provide a snapshot of a scholars current performance in reading and math. All scholars receive a growth score as an academic goal. Screeners are given three times a year to show growth and re-assess scholars for intervention classes.	Screening results are shared with scholars through conferences and with parents on PowerSchool. Printed copies are available upon request. Results are used for data analysis and instructional purposes.
Dibels (required for K-3)	September 10-October 10, 2024 January 9-February 9, 2025 May 1-May 31, 2025	This is the only state approved literacy screener. The Dibels assesses all scholars in areas of phonics, phonemic awareness, letter recognition, fluency and vocabulary. The goal is for every scholars to read at grade level by Grade 3.	Screening results are given within the Amplify platform and are used to differentiate for the intervention block and for classroom instruction.
ESGI Pre-K	October, February and May	The purpose of the ESGI assessment is to determine readiness skills in Pre K and Kindergarten. Scholars are tested in fine and gross motor skills, working memory and social emotional levels.	Results are shared internally with Pre-K educators.
Pre-Las	September 1-September 30, 2024	The preLas assessment is administered to appropriately place	Results are shared internally with Pre-K and Kindergarten educators.

Kindergarten		incoming English Language Learners in their classroom settings.	
KEI Inventory	Snapshot date: October 16, 2024	The KEI inventory is a state required assessment used to determine a scholars readiness in Kindergarten skills. Scholars are tested in six domains: Language, Literacy, Numeracy, Physical, Creative and Social Emotional Skills.	Results are shared with the state department of education and are utilized to improve Pre-K programs and curriculum.
Kindergarten	Submission Due Date: December 6, 2024		
LasLinks	January 2 - March 7, 2025	The LasLinks assessment is designed to inform and identify placement for our English Language Learners. The test is designed to address all levels of English Proficiency and support scholars in their progress towards English language mastery.	Results are shared with grade level and EL educators in their school and is used to drive instructional practices that help support mastery. Results are also shared with families in English and possibly in their native language.
All EL Scholars			
Fountas and Pinnell Assessments	September, January and May	The Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessments are accurate and reliable tools to identify the instructional and independent reading levels of all scholars and document their progress through one on one formative assessments.	Results are shared internally with teams and administrators to audit and adapt curriculum and texts that will help scholars read on their grade level.
All Scholars			
Smarter Balanced in Language Arts and Math	March 24- May 30, 2025	The Connecticut Smarter Balanced Assessments are aligned to Common Core State Standards and are designed to assess students in areas of Language Arts, Math and Science. Proficiency is based on grade level performance.	Results are shared in PowerSchool and are used to determine proficiency and mastery levels of our scholars in Language Arts and Math. It is also used to adjust instruction, assessments and professional development for our educators. Families will receive a scored sheet with descriptors on areas of strengths and areas of improvement.
Grades 3-8			
Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)	March 24-May 30, 2025 (Grades 5 and 8)	The Connecticut Next Generation Science Assessments are aligned to Common Core Science State	Results are shared in PowerSchool and are used to determine proficiency and mastery levels of our scholars in

Grades 5, 8 and 11	February 3-May 30, 2025 (Grade 11)	Standards and are designed to assess students in the three science domains: Disciplinary ideas, cross-cutting concepts and science and engineering practices. Proficiency is based on grade level performance.	Science domains. It is also used to adjust instruction, assessments and professional development for our educators. Families will receive a scored sheet with descriptors on areas of strengths and areas of improvement.
Physical Fitness Grades 4, 6, 8 and once during High School	September 3, 2024-May 30, 2025	The Connecticut Physical Fitness test is comprised of four events. The exercises measure muscular strength, cardiovascular endurance, and anaerobic power.	Results are shared with the administrators and physical education staff. They are used internally to address physical fitness issues.
PSAT/NMSQT and SAT Grades 9-11	PSAT October 2-October 31th, 2024 March 3-April 23, 2025 SAT School Day March 3-April 23, 2025	The PSAT is a practice version of the SAT and assesses scholars in reading, writing and math. The test is about 3 hours long. The SAT is a scholastic test taken by 11th and 12th graders to assess their knowledge and ability in reading, writing and math.	Results are shared with scholars and teachers in order to revise and review our curriculum and educational practices. Some scholars choose to send their SAT scores to colleges and universities of their choice.
Midterms and Final Exams Grades 9-12	January and June	Midterms and Final Exams are given in Social Studies, Math and Science courses in order to determine mastery in those subjects.	Results are shared with scholars and teachers will use it to review curriculum and assessments.
Seal of Biliteracy All EL/ML scholars	All year	The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given to all scholars who have attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation.	The seal is placed on their high school diploma.
Dessa	September, February and May	The DESSA is a brief questionnaire used to determine scholars' social emotional well-being. There are six domains on the DESSA: Personal responsibility, optimistic thinking,	Results are shared with support staff that help ensure any scholar who requires some support around these areas receives it in a timely matter. Support staff are also involved with

All Grades		goal-directed behavior, social awareness, decision making, relationship skills, self-awareness and self-management.	creating lessons around the six domains.
AP Placement Exams Grades 10-12	May 5-9, 2025 May 12-16, 2025	AP tests are college level placement exams on specific subjects are administered in May.	Results are shared with scholars and are placed on their transcripts. At many colleges and universities, a high enough score will result in earning college credits.