ELMWOOD PARK CUSD 401 ASSESSMENT CALENDAR 2025-2026

STATE & DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS				
TEST	DATES	PURPOSE	REQUIRED	LEVEL
ACCESS	1/20/26 - 2/27/26	Language proficiency test for English Language Learners used to measure growth in English proficiency and the ability to access the curriculum in English.	State	K - 12, identified as ELL/LEP
NWEA MAP GROWTH	Fall: 9/2/25 - 9/12/25 Winter: 1/12/26 - 1/16/26 Spring: 5/11/26 - 5/15/26	MAP Growth provides teachers with accurate, actionable evidence to help inform instructional strategies regardless of how far students are above or below grade level. It also connects to the largest set of instructional content providers, giving educators flexibility in curriculum choices.	District	K-8
AP Exams	5/4/26 - 5/15/26	AP courses have a college-level curriculum and rigor. Students can earn college credit by passing an AP class and by their score on the AP Exam.	State & District	AP courses
SEL Screener	EPHS - 8/22/25, 12/9/25, 5/19/26 Grades 4-8	TBD	District	9-12
Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)	3/2/26 - 3/20/26 (paper) 3/31/26 - 4/17/26 (online) *Accommodations: Must be done and submitted prior to 3/20/26*	State standards test in Reading and Math. Used as a piece of information about students, groups, and cohorts, as well as for setting goals and evaluating curriculum.	State	3-8
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	3/11/26 - 5/6/26	Alternate state assessment for students not taking the IAR.	State	3rd - 8th & 11th grade
		*Current grade 12 students without a valid grade 11 or 12 score or qualifying exemption from any previous grade 11 or 12 DLM-AA administration will be rostered to take DLM-AA in spring 2021 in ELA/Literacy and Mathematics.		
Illinois Physical Fitness Assessment	Due: 5/1/26	Students shall be tested in an effort to meet State Goal 20, where students achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical fitness. Based on continual self-assessment, fitness testing can help students identify their fitness levels and set goals for improvement.	State	5, 7, 10
Illinois Science Assessment	4/1/26 - 4/30/26	Illinois Science Assessment designed to measure the Next Generation Science Standards. Used to help students understand their progress towards NGSS and evaluate curriculum.	State	5, 8 (HS ACT will count)

KIDS*	Observation and Evidence Collection: 8/20/25 - 10/17/25 Entry: 10/6/24-10/24/25	Teacher observations and recording of student behaviors for a better understanding of developmental readiness.	State	KINDER
NMSQT	October 29, 2025	Part of the SAT Suite of Assessments. A measure of college and career readiness, and AP potential. Used by students to understand their progress towards readiness for college and career, as well as understanding individual, group, and cohort growth, and evaluate curriculum.	Optional	10, 11
PreACT 9 Secure for Grade 9	April 21-24	Illinois is moving to the ACT suite for the 2025-26 school year. More information is expected from ISBE. In the meantime please refer to their FAQ	State	9
PreACT Secure for Grade 10	April 21-24	Illinois is moving to the ACT suite for the 2025-26 school year. More information is expected from ISBE. In the meantime please refer to their FAQ	State	10
ACT with Writing	April 21-24	Illinois is moving to the ACT suite for the 2025-26 school year. More information is expected from ISBE. In the meantime please refer to their FAQ	State	11
Horizon Education *(progress learning)*	Fall: 9/11/15 Winter: 12/17/25 Spring: 3/19/26	Comprehensive full-length benchmark assessments designed to mimic the real assessment experience for students. The assessments are used to help inform instruction and monitor student progress and growth.	District	9-12
Seal of Biliteracy	World Language-Nov 19-20 English Proficiency-March 12th	The State Seal of Biliteracy program recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in English and in one or more other foreign, or world, languages. This recognition is designated on a student's transcript and high school diploma with a receipt of the State Seal of Biliteracy, provided that all conditions and requirements for the program have been met.	Optional	9-12
WIDA Screener	As students enroll	The WIDA Screener aligns with the WIDA English Language Development Standards. It assesses each of the four language domains: Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing. The screener reports students' proficiency level scores for each language domain.	State & District	K - 12 New Home Lang. Survey