



Delano Public Schools 2025-26 Assessment Plan

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State and or National Assessments

ASSESSMENT	PURPOSE/RATIONALE	ESTIMATED TIME	TESTING WINDOW	GRADES	DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS
ACCESS for English Language Learners or WIDA Alternate ACCESS	To measure progress toward meeting the WIDA English Language Development Standards adopted by Minnesota	Kindergarten (45 minutes) Grades 1 to 12 (2 to 5 hours)	January to March	K thru 12 Multilingual Learners	Individual student reports will be provided to parents/guardians at Fall conferences or mailed out following Fall conferences
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA IV) Reading	To measure student learning of the Minnesota English Language Arts Academic Standards and to provide information to schools and teachers to plan program improvements.	Grades 3-8 (2 to 3.5 hours) Grade 10 (1 to 3 hours)	March - May	3-8 and 10	Preliminary results are posted to Skyward Parent portal upon completion of all MCA Testing. Individual Student Reports (ISR) are posted to Skyward Parent Portal by December 1 MCA ISR Quick Guide
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA III) Mathematics	To measure student learning of the Minnesota Mathematics Academic Standards and to provide information to schools and teachers to plan program improvements.	Grades 3-8 (2-3.5 hours) Grade 11 (1-3 hours)	March - May	3-8 and 11	Preliminary results are posted to Skyward Parent portal upon completion of all MCA Testing. Individual Student Reports (ISR) are posted to Skyward Parent Portal by December 1. MCA ISR Quick Guide
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA III) Science	To measure student learning of the Minnesota Science Academic Standards and to provide information to schools and teachers to plan program improvements.	Grades 5 & 8 (2 hours) Grade 10 (1-3 hours)	March - May	5, 8, 10	Preliminary results are posted to Skyward Parent portal upon completion of all MCA Testing. Individual Student Reports (ISR) are posted to Skyward Parent Portal by December 1

					MCA Science ISR Quick Guide
Minnesota Test of Academic Skills ALT MCA Reading, MMCA Science	The MTAS/Alt MCA are performance-based, alternate assessments in reading, mathematics, and science for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities, and they are available in every grade in which the MCA is available. Statewide Assessments: What Families need to know about using the MCA and MTAS Results	Reading (45-90 minutes) Math (30-60 minutes) Science (30-60 minutes)	March - May	3-8, 10 (Reading) 3-8, 11 (Math) 5, 8, 10 (Science)	Preliminary results are posted to Skyward Parent portal upon completion of all MTAS/Alt MCA Testing. Individual Student Reports (ISR) are posted to Skyward Parent Portal by December 1 MTAS Reading and Mathematics ISR Quick Guide Alternate MCA Science ISR Quick Guide
National Assessment of Educational Progress NAEP Overview Participation	A national test that measures what our nation's students know and are able to do in various subjects for students in fourth-, eighth-, and twelfth-grade. The purpose of the NAEP is to provide a fair and accurate measure of student achievement that allows for comparisons of achievement over time and across the nation.	Up to 120 minutes per subject. Students are assessed in only one subject area.	January - March	Sampling of Students 4, 8, 12	Results shared via The Nations Report Card provide national and state level trends in student achievement. District, school or individual data are not available for this assessment.

District Assessments

ASSESSMENT	PURPOSE/RATIONALE	ESTIMATED TIME	TESTING WINDOW	GRADES	DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS
FASTBridge (Formative Assessment System for Teachers) Screener Reading, Math	Provides brief, evidence based curricular measures in reading & math. Teachers can use the results to inform and support instruction.	15-45 minutes	Fall, Winter, Spring	K-10 11-12 (IEP students ONLY)	Posted to Skyward Parent Portal following completion of benchmark screening.
mySAEBRS	A brief, norm-referenced tool for screening all students to identify those who are at risk for social-emotional behavior (SEB) problems. mySAEBRS is designed for universal screening of students in grades 2 through 12	1-3 mins	November - April	4-10	Results are available upon request.

<u>SAEBRS</u> (Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener)	Brief, norm-referenced tool for screening all students to identify those who are at risk for social-emotional behavior. A teacher observation rating scale that may be completed using a computer or tablet	~10 minutes	Fall, Winter, Spring	K-10	Results are available upon request.
CAPTI Read Basix Dyslexia Screener	Additional screening for students who have been identified as reading below grade level in grades 4-12	1 hour	Winter	4-12 identified students only	Results are shared with parents along with intervention service letter.

College and Career Assessments

ACT (college entrance exam)	DPS provides students the opportunity to take the ACT college entrance exam on a school day during the junior year. Participation is voluntary.	3.5-4 hours	March	11-12	Students can access results by logging into their MyACT online account.
<u>ASVAB</u> Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery	To assess a candidate 's aptitude and interest for careers in the armed services. Required of all students who are interested in enlisting in an armed service division	3 hours	January	11-12	Results are reviewed with the exam proctor at the school site and students can access their score via their online ASVAB account.
<u>PSAT/NMSQT</u> (Preliminary SAT)	DHS students may participate in the PSAT exam. This exam is the first step in identifying National Merit Scholars.	3 hours	October	11	PSAT will send results directly to students who participate.

[2025-26 Statewide Assessments: Parent/Guardian Participation Guide and Refusal Information](#)

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2025-26 Assessment Dates

		Delano Elementary	Delano Intermediate	Delano High School
ACCESS	Winter	Kindergarten: January 26 - February 6, 2026 Grade 1-3: January 26 - March 20, 2026	January 25-March 20, 2026	January 26-March 20, 2026
CaptiRead Basix	Winter		December 2025 (select students)	December 2025 (select students)
FastBridge Screening eReading eMath Grades K & 1	Fall	September 22 to 26, 2025		
	Winter	January 12 to 23, 2026		
	Spring	May 4-15, 2026		
Fastbridge Screening FastTrack Reading FastTrack Math Grades 2-12	Fall	September 15-26, 2025	September 9 - 20, 2025	September 22 -26, 2025
	Winter	January 12-13, 2026	January 6-17, 2026	December 8-12, 2025 or January 8-13, 2026
	Spring	May 4-15, 2026	May 5-16, 2026	March 1-6, 2026 or May 11-29, 2026
MCA Reading		April 14-16, 2026	April 14-17, 2026	April 7-9, 2026
MCA Math		April 21-23, 2025	April 22-24, 2026	April 21-23, 2026
MCA Science			April 29-May 1, 2026	April 28-30, 2026
MTAS Reading, Math		March 2-20, 2026	March 2-20, 2026	March 2-20, 2026
Alt MCA Science		March 2-20, 2026	March 2-20, 2026	March 2-20, 2026
SAEBRS Screener	Fall	November 10-14	November 11-15	November 4, 2025
	Winter	February 17-20	April 7-11, 2025	March 17, 2025
mySAEBRS	Fall		November 11-15, 2025	November 4, 2025
	Winter		April 7-11, 2026	March 17, 2025
ACT	Spring			March 18, 2026

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PSAT	Fall			October 23, 2025
ASVAB				January 29, 2026