

ELMWOOD PARK CUSD 401 ASSESSMENT CALENDAR 2026-2027

STATE & DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS				
TEST	DATES	PURPOSE	REQUIRED	LEVEL
ACCESS	Jan 19 - Feb 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 EL
NWEA MAP GROWTH	Fall: Sept 1 - Sept 11 Winter: Jan 11 - 15 Spring: May 10 - 14	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	TBD	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
Mental Health Screener	Fall Winter Spring	Maro (Grades 4-8) -Identify at-risk youth early and bridge the gap between initial symptoms and clinical intervention. The digital platform provides validated, research-backed surveys to screen students for conditions like anxiety, depression, ADHD, and suicide risk. Elyssa's Mission (9th grade)- Educates and screens teens on warning signs of suicide to help identify at-risk youth, link them to vital resources and ultimately prevent suicide.	District	4-12
Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)	3/1 - 4/2 (paper) 3/8 - 3/25 (online)	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)	3/10 - 5/5	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	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	4/19 - 4/30	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
KIDS	Observation and Evidence Collection: October 15	Teacher observations and recording of student behaviors for a better understanding of developmental readiness.	State	KINDER
NMSQT	October 15	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 Grade 9	April	A low-stakes practice exam designed by ACT for 9th and 10th graders that simulates the official ACT test, providing a shorter, slightly easier assessment of English, Math, Reading, and Science to help students estimate future ACT scores and identify academic strengths.	State	9
PreACT Secure Grade 10	April	A low-stakes practice exam designed by ACT for 9th and 10th graders that simulates the official ACT test, providing a shorter, slightly easier assessment of English, Math, Reading, and Science to help students estimate future ACT scores and identify academic strengths.	State	10
ACT with Writing	April	A standardized test used for college admissions in the United States. It measures a high school student's readiness for college-level coursework and gives colleges a common data point to compare applicants	State	11
Progress Learning	Fall: 9/14 Winter: 12/14 Spring: 2/22	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 Lang- Nov. 18 English Prof- March 17	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 Home Lang. Survey