Delano Public Schools
2026-27 Assessment Plan

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Additional information can be found at https://education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/tests/

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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 1-12 (2-5 hours)	January-March		K-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 (2-3.5 hours) Grade 10 (1-3 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

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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	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

		over time and across the nation.					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) concerns. 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.
SAEBRS (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	Fall		4-12 identified students only	Results are shared with parents along with an 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.