



## Delano Public Schools 2026-27 Assessment Plan

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| State and/or National Assessments                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                            |                   |  |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| ASSESSMENT                                                                                          |  | PURPOSE/RATIONALE                                                                                                                                                      | ESTIMATED TIME                                             | TESTING WINDOW    |  | GRADES                        | DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <a href="#">ACCESS for English Language Learners</a><br>or<br><a href="#">WIDA Alternate ACCESS</a> |  | To measure progress toward meeting the WIDA English Language Development Standards adopted by Minnesota                                                                | Kindergarten<br>(45 minutes)<br>Grades 1-12<br>(2-5 hours) | January-<br>March |  | K-12<br>Multilingual Learners | Individual student reports will be provided to parents/guardians at Fall conferences or mailed out following Fall conferences                                                                                         |
| <a href="#">Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA IV)</a><br><br>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<br>(2-3.5 hours)<br><br>Grade 10<br>(1-3 hours) | March -<br>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<br><a href="#">MCA ISR Quick Guide</a> |

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| <a href="#">Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA III)</a><br>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<br>(2-3.5 hours)<br><br>Grade 11<br>(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.<br><a href="#">MCA ISR Quick Guide</a>                                                                                               |
| <a href="#">Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA IV)</a><br>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<br>(2 hours)<br><br>Grade 10<br>(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<br><a href="#">MCA Science ISR Quick Guide</a>                                                                                        |
| <a href="#">Minnesota Test of Academic Skills ALT MCA Reading, Math Science</a>            |  | 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.<br><a href="#">Statewide Assessments: What Families need to know about using the MCA and MTAS Results</a> | Reading (45-90 minutes)<br>Math (30-60 minutes)<br>Science (30-60 minutes)     | March - May     |  | 3-8, 10<br>(Reading)<br><br>3-8, 11<br>(Math)<br><br>5, 8, 10<br>(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<br><a href="#">MTAS Reading and Mathematics ISR Quick Guide</a><br><br><a href="#">Alternate MCA Science ISR Quick Guide</a> |
| National Assessment of Educational Progress NAEP<br><a href="#">Overview Participation</a> |  | 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 <a href="#">The Nations Report Card</a> provide national and state level trends in student achievement. District, school or individual data are not                                                                                                                                               |

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|  |  | over time and across the nation. |  |  |  |  | available for this assessment. |
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| District Assessments                                                                            |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                         |                        |  |                                   |                                                                              |
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| <a href="#">FASTBridge</a><br>(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<br>11-12 (IEP students ONLY) | Posted to Skyward Parent Portal following completion of benchmark screening. |
| <a href="#">mySAEBRS</a>                                                                        |  | 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.                                          |
| <a href="#">SAEBRS</a><br>(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.                                                                                                                   | 1.5 hours over two days | DIS Fall<br>DHS Winter |  | 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.      |

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| <a href="#">ASVAB</a><br>Armed Services<br>Vocational<br>Aptitude<br>Battery       |  | To assess a candidate 's aptitude and<br>interest for careers in the armed services.<br>Required of all students who are<br>interested in enlisting in an armed service<br>division. | 3 hours | January |  | 11-12 | Results are reviewed<br>with the exam proctor<br>at the school site and<br>students can access<br>their score via their<br>online ASVAB account. |
| <a href="#">PSAT/NMSQT</a><br><a href="#">(Preliminary</a><br><a href="#">SAT)</a> |  | DHS students may participate in the PSAT<br>exam. This exam is the first step in<br>identifying National Merit Scholars.                                                             | 3 hours | October |  | 11    | PSAT will send results<br>directly to students who<br>participate.                                                                               |

## 2026-27 Assessment Dates

| Assessment                                                                 |        | Delano Elementary     | Delano Intermediate                           | Delano High School                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| ACCESS                                                                     | Winter | February 2027         | February 2027                                 | February 2027                                       |
| CaptiRead Basix                                                            | Fall   |                       | October/Early November 2026 (select students) | February 2027 (select students)                     |
| FastBridge Screening<br>eReading<br>eMath<br>Grades K & 1                  | Fall   | September 14-23, 2026 |                                               |                                                     |
|                                                                            | Winter | January 11-20, 2027   |                                               |                                                     |
|                                                                            | Spring | May 10-19, 2027       |                                               |                                                     |
| Fastbridge Screening<br>FastTrack Reading<br>FastTrack Math<br>Grades 2-12 | Fall   | September 14-23, 2026 | September 7-18, 2026                          | September 14-25, 2026                               |
|                                                                            | Winter | January 11-20, 2027   | January 4-15, 2027                            | November 22 - December 4, 2026 or January 4-22 2027 |
|                                                                            | Spring | May 10-19, 2026       | May 3-14, 2027                                | May 13-June 3, 2027                                 |
| MCA Reading                                                                |        | April 20-23, 2027     | April 12-16, 2027                             | April 6-8, 2027                                     |
| MCA Math                                                                   |        | April 27-30, 2027     | April 19-23, 2027                             | April 13-15, 2027                                   |
| MCA Science                                                                |        |                       | April 26-30, 2027                             | April 27-29, 2027                                   |
| MTAS Reading, Math                                                         |        | April 20-30, 2027     | March 8-31, 2027                              | March 8-May 7, 2027                                 |
| Alt MCA Science                                                            |        |                       | March 8-31, 2027                              | March 8-May 7, 2027                                 |
| SAEBRS Screener                                                            | Fall   | November 9-18, 2026   | November 18, 2026                             | November 3, 2026                                    |
|                                                                            | Winter | March 8-17, 2027      | April 14, 2027                                | March 16, 2027                                      |
| mySAEBRS                                                                   | Fall   |                       | November 9-13, 2026                           | November 6, 2026                                    |
|                                                                            | Winter |                       | April 5-9, 2027                               | March 16, 2027                                      |
| ACT                                                                        | Spring |                       |                                               | March 17, 2027                                      |
| PSAT                                                                       | Fall   |                       |                                               | October 21, 2026                                    |
| ASVAB                                                                      |        |                       |                                               | TBD                                                 |
| NAEP                                                                       |        |                       |                                               | TBD                                                 |