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Early Childhood		
Teaching Strategies GOLD	**Fall**: completed by October 30, 2026 **Winter**: completed by February 12, 2027 **Spring**: completed by May 7, 2027	All students
Kindergarten		
NWEA MAP Growth	**Fall:** August 17 – September 4, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-22, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 14, 2027	K-2 Reading and Mathematics **Students will use iPads.** *Dual Language – Mathematics in Spanish, Reading in English and Spanish. In the fall only, students take Math in their home language.
NWEA MAP Reading Fluency	**Fall:** August 17 – September 11, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-29, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 21, 2027	Adaptive Oral Reading Fluency **Students will use iPads** *Dual Language – required, administer in both English and Spanish
KIDS	November 2-23, 2026	Ratings collected throughout first 40 days Portal during this window Do not use a cadre/sweep team approach.
ACCESS	January 13 – March 2, 2027	ELL proficiency test
First Grade		
NWEA MAP Growth	**Fall:** August 17 – September 4, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-22, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 14, 2027	K-2 Reading and Mathematics **Students will use iPads.** *Dual Language – Mathematics in Spanish, Reading in English and Spanish
NWEA MAP Reading Fluency	**Fall:** August 17 – September 11, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-29, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 21, 2027	Adaptive Oral Reading Fluency **Students will use iPads.** *Dual Language – Mathematics in Spanish, Reading in English and Spanish
ACCESS	January 13 – March 2, 2027	ELL proficiency test
Second Grade		
NWEA MAP Growth	**Fall:** August 17 – September 4, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-22, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 14, 2027	Grades 2 – 5 Reading and Mathematics **Students will use Chromebooks.** *Dual Language – Mathematics in Spanish, Reading in English and Spanish
NWEA MAP Reading Fluency	**Fall:** August 17 – September 11, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-29, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 21, 2027	Adaptive Oral Reading Fluency Students will use Chromebooks. *Dual Language – Mathematics in Spanish, Reading in English and Spanish
ACCESS	January 13 – March 2, 2027	ELL proficiency test

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Third Grade		
NWEA MAP Growth	**Fall:** August 17 – September 4, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-22, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 14, 2027	Grades 2 – 5 Reading and Mathematics *Dual Language – Mathematics in English, Reading in English and Spanish **Students will use Chromebooks.**
NWEA MAP Reading Fluency	**Fall:** August 17 – September 11, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-29, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 21, 2027	Adaptive Oral Reading Fluency **Students will use Chromebooks.** *Dual Language – required, administer in both English and Spanish
CogAT	**Fall:** September 8 – 14, 2026 **Winter:** February 8 – 25, 2027	**Fall:** All students **Winter:** Select students for Gifted Identification Process 3 Verbal Sections, 3 Quantitative Sections, and 3 Non-Verbal Sections Each Section is 10 minutes long
Panorama Survey	**Fall:** November 2-13, 2026 **Spring:** April 19 – May 7, 2027	The survey measures student perceptions of teaching and learning, culture and climate, and student experience in the classroom and school.
ACCESS	January 13 – March 2, 2027	ELL proficiency test
IOWA	**Fall:** October 2-7, 2026 **Winter:** February 8-25, 2027	**Fall/Winter:** Select students for Gifted Identification Process 2 Mathematics Sections and 2 Reading Sections - 30 minutes each 1 Vocabulary Section – 15 minutes ***Only Mathematics is given in the Fall***
DLM	March 10-May 5, 2027	Alternative State Assessment - English Language Arts and Mathematics
IAR	March 1-25, 2027 (Paper & Online)	State Assessment English Language Arts and Mathematics
Fourth Grade		
NWEA MAP Growth	**Fall:** August 17 – September 4, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-22, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 14, 2027	Grades 2 – 5 Reading and Mathematics *Dual Language – Mathematics in English, Reading in English and Spanish **Students will use Chromebooks.**
NWEA MAP Reading Fluency	**Fall:** August 17 – September 11, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-29, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 21, 2027	Adaptive Oral Reading Fluency **Students will use Chromebooks.** *Dual Language – required, administer in both English and Spanish
Panorama Survey	**Fall:** November 2-13, 2026 **Spring:** April 19 – May 7, 2027	The survey measures student perceptions of teaching and learning, culture and climate, and student experience in the classroom and school.
ACCESS	January 13 – March 2, 2027	ELL proficiency test
Five Essentials Survey	January 26 - March 19, 2027	Identifies five indicators that lead to improved outcomes for all students.
CogAT	February 8 – 25, 2027	Select students for Gifted Identification Process 3 Verbal Sections, 3 Quantitative Sections, and 3 Non-Verbal Sections Each Section is 10 minutes long
IOWA	February 8 – 25, 2027	Select students for Gifted Identification Process taking select sections 2 Mathematics Sections and 2 Reading Sections - 30 minutes each 1 Vocabulary Section – 15 minutes
DLM	March 10-May 5, 2027	Alternative State Assessment - English Language Arts and Mathematics
IAR	March 1-25, 2027 (Paper & Online)	State Assessment English Language Arts and Mathematics

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Fifth Grade		
NWEA MAP Growth	**Fall:** August 17 – September 4, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-22, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 14, 2027	Grades 2 – 5 Reading and Mathematics Project IDEA Plus takes Grades 6+ for Mathematics *Dual Language – Mathematics in English, Reading in English and Spanish **Students will use Chromebooks.**
NWEA MAP Reading Fluency	**Fall:** August 17 – September 11, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-29, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 21, 2027	Adaptive Oral Reading Fluency **Students will use Chromebooks.** *Dual Language – required, administer in both English and Spanish
Panorama Survey	**Fall:** November 2-13, 2026 **Spring:** April 19 – May 7, 2027	The survey measures student perceptions of teaching and learning, culture and climate, and student experience in the classroom and school.
ACCESS	January 13 – March 2, 2027	ELL proficiency test
Five Essentials Survey	January 26 - March 19, 2027	Identifies five indicators that lead to improved outcomes for all students.
CogAT	February 8 – 25, 2027	Select students for Gifted Identification Process 3 Verbal Sections, 3 Quantitative Sections, and 3 Non-Verbal Sections Each Section is 10 minutes long
IOWA	February 8 – 25, 2027	Select students for Gifted Identification Process taking select sections 2 Mathematics Sections and 2 Reading Sections - 30 minutes each 1 Vocabulary Section – 15 minutes
DLM	March 10-May 5, 2027	Alternative State Assessment - English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science
IAR	March 1-25, 2027 (Paper & Online)	English Language Arts and Mathematics
Illinois Science	April 5-30, 2027	Approximately 3 – 40 Minute Sessions
Fitness Gram	Completed by May 6, 2027	State Health Fitness Exam
Sixth Grade		
NWEA MAP Growth	**Fall:** August 17 – September 4, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-22, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 14, 2027	Grades 6+ Reading and Mathematics *Dual Language – Mathematics in English, Reading in English and Spanish **Students will use Chromebooks.**
Panorama Survey	**Fall:** November 2-13, 2026 **Spring:** April 19 – May 7, 2027	The survey measures student perceptions of teaching and learning, culture and climate, and student experience in the classroom and school.
ACCESS	January 13 – March 2, 2027	ELL proficiency test
Five Essentials Survey	January 26 - March 19, 2027	Identifies five indicators that lead to improved outcomes for all students.
CogAT	February 8 – 25, 2027	Select students for Gifted Identification Process 3 Verbal Sections, 3 Quantitative Sections, and 3 Non-Verbal Sections Each Section is 10 minutes long
IOWA	February 8 – 25, 2027	Select students for Gifted Identification Process taking select sections 2 Mathematics Sections and 2 Reading Sections - 30 minutes each 1 Vocabulary Section – 15 minutes
DLM	March 10-May 5, 2027	Alternative State Assessment English Language Arts and Mathematics
IAR	March 1-25, 2027 (Paper & Online)	English Language Arts and Mathematics

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Seventh Grade		
NWEA MAP Growth	**Fall:** August 17 – September 4, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-22, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 14, 2027	Grades 6+ Reading and Mathematics Grade 7 Project IDEA+ takes Algebra instead of Mathematics *Dual Language – Mathematics in English, Reading in English and Spanish **Students will use Chromebooks.**
Panorama Survey	**Fall:** November 2-13, 2026 **Spring:** April 19 – May 7, 2027	The survey measures student perceptions of teaching and learning, culture and climate, and student experience in the classroom and school.
ACCESS	January 13 – March 2, 2027	ELL proficiency test
Five Essentials Survey	January 26 - March 19, 2027	Identifies five indicators that lead to improved outcomes for all students.
CogAT	February 8 – 25, 2027	Select students for Gifted Identification Process
IOWA	February 8 – 25, 2027	Select students for Gifted Identification Process taking select sections
DLM	March 10-May 5, 2027	Alternative State Assessment English Language Arts and Mathematics
IAR	March 1-25, 2027 (Paper & Online)	English Language Arts and Mathematics
Fitness Gram	Completed by May 6, 2027	State Health Fitness Exam
Eighth Grade		
NWEA MAP Growth	**Fall:** August 17 – September 4, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-22, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 14, 2027	Grades 6+ Reading and Mathematics Grade 8 Project IDEA Plus takes Geometry instead of Mathematics Grade 8 Honors Mathematics takes Algebra instead of Mathematics *Dual Language – Mathematics in English, Reading in English and Spanish **Students will use Chromebooks.**
Panorama Survey	**Fall:** November 2-13, 2026 **Spring:** April 19 – May 7, 2027	The survey measures student perceptions of teaching and learning, culture and climate, and student experience in the classroom and school.
ACCESS	January 13 – March 2, 2027	ELL proficiency test
Five Essentials Survey	January 26 - March 19, 2027	Identifies five indicators that lead to improved outcomes for all students.
DLM	March 10-May 5, 2027	Alternative State Assessment English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science
IAR	March 1-25, 2027 (Paper & Online)	English Language Arts and Mathematics
Illinois Science	April 5-30, 2027	Approximately 3 – 40 Minute Sessions

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Ninth Grade		
NWEA MAP Growth	**Fall:** August 17 – September 4, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-22, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 14, 2027	Grades 6+ Reading and Mathematics Select Students **Students will use Chromebooks.**
Panorama Survey	**Fall:** November 2-13, 2026 **Spring:** April 19 – May 7, 2027	The survey measures student perceptions of teaching and learning, culture and climate, and student experience in the classroom and school.
ACCESS	January 13 – March 2, 2027	ELL proficiency test
Five Essentials Survey	January 26 - March 19, 2027	Identifies five indicators that lead to improved outcomes for all students.
DLM	March 10-May 5, 2027	Alternative State Assessment
PreACT 8/9	March 25, 2027	Reading, Math, Writing and Language
AP Testing	May 3 - 14, 2027	Select students enrolled in AP classes
Tenth Grade		
NWEA MAP Growth	**Fall:** August 17 – September 4, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-22, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 14, 2027	Grades 6+ Reading and Mathematics Select Students **Students will use Chromebooks.**
Panorama Survey	**Fall:** November 2-13, 2026 **Spring:** April 19 – May 7, 2027	The survey measures student perceptions of teaching and learning, culture and climate, and student experience in the classroom and school.
ACCESS	January 13 – March 2, 2027	ELL proficiency test
Five Essentials Survey	January 26 - March 19, 2027	Identifies five indicators that lead to improved outcomes for all students.
DLM	March 10-May 5, 2027	Alternative State Assessment
PreACT 10	March 25, 2027	Reading, Math, Writing and Language
Fitness Gram	**1st Semester:** Completed by Dec. 18, 2026 **2nd Semester:** Completed by May 6, 2027	State Health and Fitness Exam
AP Testing	May 3 - 14, 2027	Select students enrolled in AP classes

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Eleventh Grade		
NWEA MAP Growth	**Fall:** August 17 – September 4, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-22, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 14, 2027	Grades 6+ Reading and Mathematics Select Students **Students will use Chromebooks.**
PSAT/NMSQT	October 9, 2026	Reading, Math, Writing and Language Assessments 165 minutes
Panorama Survey	**Fall:** November 2-13, 2026 **Spring:** April 19 – May 7, 2027	The survey measures student perceptions of teaching and learning, culture and climate, and student experience in the classroom and school.
ACCESS	January 13 – March 2, 2027	ELL proficiency test
Five Essentials Survey	January 26 - March 19, 2027	Identifies five indicators that lead to improved outcomes for all students.
AAPPL	January 30, 2027 (NCHS) February 6, 2027 (NNHS)	Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages
DLM	March 10-May 5, 2027	Alternative State Assessment
ACT	March 24, 2027	Reading, Math, Writing and Language Assessments including Essay Graduation Requirement
AP Testing	May 3 - 14, 2027	Select students enrolled in AP classes
Twelfth Grade		
NWEA MAP Growth	**Fall:** August 17 – September 4, 2026 **Winter:** January 5-22, 2027 **Spring:** April 26 – May 14, 2027	Grades 6+ Reading and Mathematics Select Students **Students will use Chromebooks.**
Panorama Survey	**Fall:** November 2-13, 2026 **Spring:** April 19 – May 7, 2027	The survey measures student perceptions of teaching and learning, culture and climate, and student experience in the classroom and school.
ACCESS	January 13 – March 2, 2027	ELL proficiency test
Five Essentials Survey	January 26 - March 19, 2027	Identifies five indicators that lead to improved outcomes for all students.
AAPPL	January 30, 2027 (NCHS) February 6, 2027 (NNHS)	Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages
AP Testing	May 3 - 14, 2027	Select students enrolled in AP classes

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