



Diamond Lake School District 76

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District 76 Assessment Calendar and Information 2025-2026

Assessment	Dates
STAR Assessments are used to benchmark all students and monitor the progress of students receiving reading and math intervention support. STAR assessments are administered approximately every 6 weeks while students are receiving intervention support.	Aug. 20 - Aug. 29 Dec. 3 - 12 May 6 - May 15
Grade Level	Reporting Dates
K-8	TBD

Assessment	Dates
KIDS Assessment -- The Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS) is a state mandated assessment designed to determine kindergarten readiness in the areas of language, math and social emotional development.	40 Days -Oct. 20th (40th Day)
Grade Level	Reporting Dates
K	State Dependent

Assessment	Dates
ACCESS for English Language Learners is a state mandated assessment given once a year to English Language Learners. The ACCESS test is designed to determine the English Language Proficiency of English Learners and their need and eligibility for support services.	Jan. 14 - March 3 Attempt to complete before 2.12
Grade Level	Reporting Dates
K-8	Fall - State Dependent

Assessment	Dates
Illinois Assessment of Readiness for Grades 3-8 is a state mandated assessment given once a school year to determine a student's on track readiness for college and career in math and reading.	Window: March 2 - Apr. 17 Given: March 11 - 13



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Grade Level	Reporting Dates
3-8	Fall - State Dependent 1st Trimester Progress Reports

Assessment	Dates
Dynamic Learning Maps for Grades 3-8 is a state mandated alternate assessment given once a school year to determine a student's on track readiness for college and career in math and reading.	Window: March 11 - May 6 Given: March 11 - 13
Grade Level	Reporting Dates
3-8	Fall - State Dependent 1st Trimester Progress Reports

Assessment	Dates
Illinois Science Assessment is a state mandated assessment given to students in grades 5 and 8, once a year, to determine a student's proficiency in learning the Next Generation Science Standards.	Testing Window: April 8 - 10 ISBE: Mar. 2 - Apr. 30
Grade Level	Reporting Dates
5 and 8	State Dependent

Assessment	Dates
FitnessGram is an assessment administered to students in grades 5 and 7 to measure student health and fitness.	May 1st
Grade Level	Reporting Dates
5 and 7	TBD



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Assessment	Dates
Student Target Portfolios (STPs) are utilized in grades K-5 for the purpose of allowing students to track their individual progress and to set targets for their growth. STPs are grade level specific and are utilized regularly throughout the school year.	On-Going
Grade Level	Reporting Dates
K-5	Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

Assessment	Dates
Fountas and Pinnell (F&P) - Running Records - F&P is a tool used to gauge student reading levels. The Assessment aligns with the F&P Text level Gradient Scale (™) to determine a student's grade level reading fluency and comprehension skills.	Fall & Spring & Progress Monitoring
Grade Level	Reporting Dates
K-5	NA

Assessment	Dates
AAPPL Assessment - The ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) is a performance assessment of standards-based language learning across the three modes of communication (Interpersonal, Presentational, and Interpretive) as defined by the National Standards for Foreign Language Learning.	November 10 - 14
Grade Level	Reporting Dates
3-8	January

Assessment	Dates
FastBridge - FastBridge is an assessment system designed to support student academic needs, aligning appropriate interventions, and monitoring the effectiveness of those interventions through universal screening and progress monitoring.	Universal Screening Progress Monitoring Ongoing



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Universal Screening: FastTrack Reading and FastTrack Math	
Grade Level	Reporting Dates
K-8	Every 6 weeks

Assessment	Dates
Teaching Strategies GOLD - An observational assessment system that focuses on a “whole child” approach. It assesses development and learning across the domains of Social-emotional, Physical, Language, Cognitive, Literacy, Mathematics, and English Language Acquisition.	Checkpoint Dates:
Grade Level	Reporting Dates
PreK	Parent Teacher conferences and Report Cards