Assessment	Description	Assessment Window	Grades Administered
ACCESS for English Learners (ELs)	ACCESS is a standards-based English language proficiency test for Illinois students. It assesses social and instructional English across the four language domains (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing).	January 12 - February 15	Kindergarten - 8th
Advanced Placement Test	The Advanced Placement test for Language Arts (5th-7th Grade) and Math (3rd-6th Grade) is given to District 25 students who meet testing criteria based on performance on the MAP test and/or the CogAT.	May 5 - May 13	3rd - 7th
Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)	The CogAT is a district-administered assessment used as part of the advanced program placement process. The CogAT measures learned reasoning and problem-solving skills in the verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal areas. New 4th, 6th and 7th graders are also assessed.	October 25 - November 10	3rd and 5th
Devereux Student Strengths Assessment (DESSA)	The DESSA is a strength-based assessment used to identify which social emotional skills students have already learned and what skills they might still need to develop.	End of January Dates will vary by building.	Kindergarten - 8th
Dynamic Learning Maps - Alternative Assessment (DLM-AA)	Alternative assessment to determine academic progress in language arts and math for identified special education students.	March 28 - April 22	3rd - 8th
FitnessGram	The FitnessGram assessment is administered as part of the physical education program. This state assessment measures health-related fitness including aerobic capacity, muscular strength/endurance, and flexibility.	April 4 - April 22	3rd - 8th
Formative Assessment System for Teachers (FastBridge)	FASTBridge assessments are short curriculum-based measures and are part of District 25's Multi Tiered System of Support (MTSS) and special education programming which aims to provide targeted instruction for all students. These assessments are gated for students who require progress monitoring or more specific information about current academic performance.	Fall: August 23 - September 30 Winter: January 5 - January 21 Spring: April 20 - May 6	Kindergarten - 8th
Fountas and Pinnell Benchmarking Assessment System (BAS)	The BAS is a district-administered 1:1 assessment that assists teachers in determining students' reading levels for instructional purposes. In the spring, the assessment is gated for 4th and 5th graders.	Fall: August 30 - October 15 (1st - 5th) Winter: November 29 - December 17 (KG) Spring: April 25 - May 20 (KG-5th)	Kindergarten - 5th



Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)	The IAR is a computer-administered assessment and accountability measure for Illinois students enrolled in a public school. Students are tested on the English Language Arts and Mathematics Illinois Learning Standards.	March 7 - April 1	3rd - 8th
Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)	The ISA is a computer-administered assessment that is aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards for science. The ISA represents Illinois' commitment to prepare all students for college and careers in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.	March 1 - March 18	5th and 8th
Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS)	KIDS is a state-mandated tool in which teachers observe the knowledge, skills, and behaviors that most impact the long-term student success of incoming kindergarteners.	August 19 - October 19	Kindergarten
Kindergarten Screening	District 25's kindergarten screening provides classroom teachers with information about student readiness for kindergarten, including an assessment of fine motor skills, early literacy and numeracy skills, and social behaviors to plan for the upcoming school year.	May 2 - June 3 Dates will vary by building. Schools will reach out to schedule individual test dates.	Incoming Kindergarteners
NWEA Measure of Academic Progress (MAP)	MAP Growth is a district-wide, computer-administered adaptive test, which means that test questions adjust to each student's ability level as they navigate the assessment. The mathematics and reading assessments align to the Illinois Learning Standards.	Fall: August 30 - September 17 Winter: November 29 - December 15 Spring: March 29 - April 14	Kindergarten - 8th

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