

West Northfield District 31 2020-2021 Assessment Calendar

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ASSESSMENT DESCRIPTIONS

YELLOW = State / National Required Assessment **BLUE** = Standardized Assessments chosen by the district

| ASSESSMENT | WHO TAKES IT | PURPOSE | DESCRIPTION |
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| ACCESS for ELLs | English Learners in Grades K-8 | State Accountability, Progress Monitoring | The ACCESS is a state required assessment of language proficiency given to students identified as being English Learners (ELs). Students identified as English Learners must take an English language proficiency exam once per year until English proficiency is reached. Results are used to determine supports and services, monitor student progress, and for state accountability reports. The ACCESS is given in multiple sessions and in total can take 1.5 to 4 hours to complete. For more information, click here . |
| aimswebPlus | Grades K-8 | Benchmark, Eligibility for Services, Progress Monitoring | aimswebPlus includes a series of measures that assess reading and math skills. Parts of the assessment are given one on one, but the majority of the assessment is taken online. The amount of time that it takes to complete aimswebPlus varies by grade level, but on average it takes about 60 minutes. For more information, click here to view a short video. |
| Constitution Test | 7th grade | State Accountability | Illinois requires that students are assessed on their knowledge and understanding of the Illinois and U.S. Constitutions. Exact timing of the assessment depends on student readiness. |
| Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) | Grades 2 & 5 | Class Placement | The CogAT is a group administered measure of ability. The results of this assessment are used to help with identifying students for ELA and math enrichment in Grades 3-5 and advanced placement classes in Grades 6-8. There are three subtests and in total it takes about 90 minutes to complete. |

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| Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) | Students with significant disabilities Grades 3-8 | State Accountability | The DLM is the alternative assessment required by the state for students whose cognitive abilities prevent their participation in the state assessment. The assessment measures reading / language arts, mathematics, and science. Results are used for state accountability reports. The assessment is completed one on one over time and in total takes about six hours to complete. For more information, click here . |
| Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) | Grades 3-8 | State Accountability | From 2015-2018, students in Illinois have taken the PARCC test for the purposes of assessing student college and career readiness. Illinois changed this assessment to the IAR in the 2018-2019 school year. The IAR is a standards-based assessment that measures both simple and complex expectations. For more information, click here . |
| Illinois Fitness Assessment | Grades 3-8 | State Accountability | Beginning during the 2016-2017 school year, students in grades 3-8 in the state of Illinois are required to complete fitness testing. Components include aerobic capacity, flexibility and muscular endurance. For more information, click here . |
| Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) | Grades 5 & 8 | State Accountability | The Illinois Science Assessment is a computer based test that measures mastery of science standards. Students in Illinois are required to take this assessment in the 5th and 8th grades. Results are used for state accountability reports. The entire assessment is in three segments. While it is untimed, it is estimated to take 120 minutes in total. For more information, click here . |
| KIDS ASSESSMENT | Kindergarten Students | State Accountability | The 2017-2018 was the first year that the Kindergarten Individual Development Survey was required by the State of Illinois. Teachers are asked to rate students in several readiness domains including Approaches to Learning and Self-Regulation, Social and Emotional Development, Language and Literacy Development, and Cognition: Math. For more information, click here . |
| MAP | Grades K-8 | Benchmarking, Local Accountability, Eligibility for Services, Program Evaluation | MAP is a computer based test that measures academic skills (Math, Reading, Language Usage). The results are used to determine the need for enrichment or intervention. The amount of time it takes to complete the MAP Growth can vary by grade but students take 2-3 subtests that each typically take between 30 to 90 minutes. For more information, click here . |
| National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) | Grade 8 | National Assessment of Student Proficiency | Each year a sample of schools are selected from all over the country to participate in the NAEP. The purpose of this assessment is to gain a better understanding of how students in different parts of the country are performing in the various academic areas. Results are reported for groups of students with similar characteristics (e.g., gender, location, etc.) and |

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| | | | not by individual student. The test is completed in about 90 minutes. For more information, click here . |
| Screening for Behavior and Social Emotional Needs | Grades K-8 | Screening to identify students with social / emotional needs | In grades K-5 teachers complete the Systematic Screening for Behavior Disorders (SSBD) rating scale and in grades 6-8 students complete the Behavioral and Emotional Screening System (BESS) rating scale. Both tools are part of a reliable and comprehensive system for identifying students who may benefit from behavioral and emotional supports. Note: Not being administered this year |

| PARENT COMMUNICATION (varies by grade) | | |
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| FALL | WINTER | SPRING |
| Previous Year IAR Results (NA for 2020) Previous Year ACCESS for ELLs Previous Year DLM Results (NA for 2020) Previous Year ISA Results (NA for 2020) Fall MAP Results Fall aimswebPlus Results | Winter MAP Results Winter aimswebPlus Results | Spring MAP Results Spring aimswebPlus Results CogAT Results |

| 2020-2021 ASSESSMENT DATES BY SCHOOL* | | | |
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| Winkelman Dates / Weeks | Assessment and Grade Levels | Field Dates / Weeks | Assessment and Grade Levels |
| Week of 9/21 and 9/28 | MAP 1st-5th Grade (Primary 1) Reading, Math, Language Usage | Week of 9/21 Sept 22 and 23 | MAP Grade 6-8 Reading and Math |
| Week of 10/5, 10/12 | aimswebPlus Grades K-5 | Week of 10/5 | aimswebPlus Grades 6-8 for progress monitoring only |
| 1/8 | Last day to enter KIDS data for Kindergarten | September | Illinois Fitness Assessment: FitnessGram Grades 6-8 not this fall due to social distancing and remote limitations |
| 1/20-1/29 | MAP K - 5th Grades (Primary K-1) Reading and Math | | |
| 2/1-2/12 | aimswebPlus K-5 | December | US Constitution Grade 7 |
| March 15-April 15 | ACCESS for ELLs grades 1-5 | 1/20-1/29 | MAP Grades 6-8 Reading and Math |

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| March 29-April 1 | CogAT Grades 3, 4, 5 | 1/20-1/29 | aimswebPlus Grades 6-8 for progress monitoring only |
| April 13-20 | Illinois Assessment of Readiness 3-5 ISA Grade 5 | March 15 (remote students), 30-31 (in-person students) | ACCESS for ELLs Grades 6-8, EL students |
| April/May | Illinois Fitness Assessment: FitnessGram not this spring due to social distancing and remote limitations | March 16-18, make-ups March 29-31 | ISA Grade 8 |
| May 3-7 | MAP K-5th Grades (Primary K-1) Reading, Math | April 13, 14, 15 and 20, 21, 22 | Illinois Assessment of Readiness Grades 6-8 |
| May 17-21 | aimswebPlus Grades K-5 | April/May | IL Constitution Grade 7 |
| *dates are subject to change due to technical and other needs | | April | Illinois Fitness Assessment: FitnessGram Grades 6-8 not this spring due to social distancing and remote limitations |
| | | 5/11-5/12 | MAP Grades 6-8 Reading and Math |
| | | 5/10 | aimswebPlus Grades 6-8 for progress monitoring only |