

Testing and Assessment Program

Purpose of Assessment Program:

Program Placement

To facilitate an effective learning environment, District 127 offers programs which challenge students at an appropriate level of difficulty. Testing is necessary to assess the scholastic aptitude and achievement levels of students in order to provide a basis upon which to recommend student placement to academic departments.

Educational Program Assessment

Some testing provides a means for assessing how well students in a particular group are performing. As a result, adjustments in curricular offerings and instructional methods may be made. Testing may also be used to determine progress in attaining school improvement goals.

Growth Measurement

By being tested periodically in high school, students can be provided information concerning their academic growth. Areas in need of remediation and areas where improvements have occurred can also be identified. Additional assistance or greater challenges in course selection can be offered to students. The appropriateness of students' academic and post-high school plans can be assessed.

Career Development

Students generally participate in at least one interest inventory designed to match their abilities and interests to career opportunities and to assist them in planning an appropriate scholastic program.

College Placement

College admissions examinations are often required of students who plan to pursue higher education. The Testing and Assessment Program at District 127 provides for these requirements.

The following tests are available to and/or administered to students entering the school, and/or at the grade levels noted below:

Assessment	Purpose of Assessment	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Optional (O) Mandatory (M)
AAPPL	This assessment is used to determine a student's eligibility to earn the Seal of Biliteracy					X	O
ACCESS	Used to measure English Language proficiency for students for whom English is a Second Language		X	X	X	X	M- for EL students
ADVANCED PLACEMENT	National exams that assess students' achievement in specific Advanced Placement courses		X	X	X	X	O
FITNESS GRAM	Tenth grade Physical Education students take this assessment to measure basic fitness levels.			X			M
ILLINOIS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT	All junior students are required to take this state mandated assessment.				X		M
PSAT NMSQT	This assessment is part of the SAT suite of assessments and predicts SAT scores. Juniors can use this to qualify in the National Merit Scholarship Competition.			X	X		M
PSAT 8/9	Assessment of current levels of achievement in Reading, Math, English and Science--includes a predicted SAT score.	X	X				M
SAT*	College Entrance				X		M
STAR	This computer based assessment is used to set student academic goals and monitor their progress against them.		X	X	X	X	M

*As of September 2017, the State of Illinois no longer requires that the state standardized exam scores appear on the transcript. As a result, D127 will not place any standardized test scores on a student transcript as of 2018.