



Capital City remains committed to gathering information about student performance from various sources so that we are able to effectively plan instruction and associated supports to meet the needs of individual students. Lower School students will participate in the following school-wide or statewide assessments:

NWEA MAP Growth (Reading and Math)

- Grades K - 4
- This test adapts to your student's answers, which provides a detailed picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn, regardless of their grade level.

NWEA MAP Reading Fluency (Oral Reading & Foundational Skills)

- Grades K - 4
- This test adapts to meet your child at their level, whether that is pre-reading, early reading, or fluent reading.
- Per federal requirement, students in grades K-2 will take a Dyslexia Screener; this assessment will provide the same foundational skill information we have typically reviewed, as well as identifying students who may have reading difficulties.

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 (English Language Acquisition Assessment)

- For students identified as English Learners in grades K - 4
- This assessment measures student's English language acquisition in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking.

State Assessments in ELA & Math (formerly PARCC)

- Grades 3 & 4
- These assessments measure student proficiency on the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

All staff will review internal assessment results to determine what interventions, additional resources, or adjustments to instructional practices are needed to ensure your student's success. We will also share results with you and your student and work with them to set growth goals throughout the year.

SUPPORT FROM FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS IS IMPERATIVE! We ask that you reinforce the following test-taking best practices with your students before each assessment:

- ☐ This is their opportunity to show teachers what they know, and where they need help.
- ☐ They should maintain a positive attitude and do their best on each assessment.
- ☐ They should get a good night's rest the night before, and eat a good breakfast the morning of each assessment.
- ☐ They should ask for help when they need it.

Attached is a year-long calendar indicating the testing windows for each assessment. Benchmarks will be administered three times: Fall, Winter and Spring. More specific information and dates will be shared by your student's teacher(s) closer to testing.

SCHOOL YEAR 2023-24 ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

4 Labor Day Holiday-Building Closed
 18-22: Fall Benchmarks (3rd & 4th)
 25-29: Fall Benchmarks (K-2)

OCTOBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

6 Expedition Planning Day
 9 Indigenous Peoples' Holiday

NOVEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

10 Conference Day
 22-24 Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Dec. 21 - Jan. 2 Winter Break

JANUARY				
M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

3 School Resumes
 15 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
 8-12: Winter Benchmarks (3rd & 4th)
 16-22: Winter Benchmarks (K-2)
 26 Grading/Planning Day

FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	

9 Conference Day
 12-29 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Window
 19 Presidents' Day Holiday
 20 Expedition Planning Day

MARCH				
M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

1-22 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Window
 15 Wellness Day

APRIL				
M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

15-19 Spring Vacation
 29-30 State Assessments (3rd & 4th) -
 Exact dates TBD

MAY				
M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

1-10 State Assessments (3rd & 4th) -
 Exact dates TBD
 13-17 Spring Benchmarks (K-2)
 20-24 Spring Benchmarks (3rd & 4th)
 27 Memorial Day Holiday- Building Closed

☐ Regular School Day
 ☒ Holiday/Vacation - No School
 ☐ Conferences
☒ Teacher Work Day - No School for Students