

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. Middle School students will participate in the following school-wide or statewide assessments:

NWEA MAP Growth

- Students will be assessed in reading, mathematics and science.
- 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.

HMH Reading Inventory

- This test measures vocabulary and comprehension proficiency with texts students will encounter both in and out of school.

Writing Assessment

- This test measures student proficiency in informational and/or argumentative writing in response to a grade-level text and prompt.

Statewide Assessments:

- **ACCESS for ELLs 2.0** (for students identified as English Learners in grades 5 - 8)
 - This assessment measures student's English language acquisition in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking.
- **State Assessments in ELA & Math (formerly PARCC)**
 - These assessments measure student proficiency on the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics.
- **DC Science** (Grades 5 & 8 only)
 - This assessment measures student proficiency on the Next Generation Science Standards.
- **Health/Physical Education Assessment (HPEA)** (Grades 5 & 8 only)
 - This assessment measures student proficiency on DC's [Health Education Standards](#) and [Physical Education Standards](#).

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
 11-15: Fall Reading Inventory
 18-22: Fall MAP Growth & Writing

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
 8-19: Winter Benchmarks - Exact dates TBD
 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			

8-12 Health/Physical Education Assessment (5th & 8th)
 15-19 Spring Vacation
 23-30 State Assessments - 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 - Exact dates TBD
 13-24 Spring Benchmarks - Exact dates TBD
 27 Memorial Day Holiday- Building Closed

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