



2024-2025 DCSD MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSESSMENT CALENDAR



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District or State Mandated	Testing Window	Assessment	Participants/Brief Description	Parents/Students Informed of Results
District-Mandated	Aug. 12 – 23, 2024 (Fall) Nov. 11 – 22, 2024 (Winter) Mar. 17 – 28, 2025 (Spring)	MAP Assessment	The NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) test is an adaptive achievement and growth test. It creates a personalized assessment experience by adapting to each student’s learning level. The MAP Growth assessment is given to students in grades K-10 at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year.	Within two weeks of the assessment window closing
District-Mandated	Aug. 19 – 30, 2024 Nov. 11 – 22, 2024 Mar. 17 – 28, 2025	LAS LINKS	LAS Links is an assessment that monitors the English Language development of Intensive English students in grades 4-12. The assessment includes 4 subtests: reading, listening, writing, and speaking. Students who score a 2.0 or higher will transition to the general ESOL program.	Two weeks after administration
State Compliance for State Funded Programing	Sept. 3 – Oct. 4, 2024 Jan. 27 – Feb. 28, 2025	CogAT, Naglieri, ITBS, Torrance Abilities Test	CogAT, Naglieri, ITBS, Torrance Abilities Tests are administered for gifted identification. Students in grades K-11 who scored 90% or higher in reading and/or math on the MAP assessment are eligible for further evaluation for the Gifted program.	Each district grading cycle
District Mandated	Sept. 23 – Oct. 4, 2024 Dec. 2 – 13, 2024 Mar. 3 – 14, 2024	District Benchmarks	The District Benchmarks are Georgia Milestone readiness assessments for students in grades 1-8 and high school students enrolled in American Lit, Algebra, Biology, and US History. The assessment measures student progress towards mastering the content standards over time. Teachers use test results to identify student strengths and weaknesses, then plan future lessons accordingly to address any student learning needs.	Within one week of the assessment window closing



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State Compliance for state funded programs	Oct. 1 – Nov. 8, 2024	Renzulli	The Renzulli is a scholastic assessment used to identify students for gifted and talented programs by assessing them in motivation and creativity. It is administered by a teacher who knows the child well. The teacher rates specific gifted behaviors that they have observed over time. Students that meet 90% or higher in both creativity and motivation from the Renzulli will be administered the CogAT.	Each district grading cycle
National Assessment	Oct. 7, 2024 – Mar. 14, 2025	NAEP Assessment	The NAEP assessment measures what students in the United States know and can do in various subjects. It is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education.	N/A – Released as The Nation’s Report Card
District-Mandated	Oct. 23, 2024	PSAT 8	The PSAT 8 is given to eighth graders during the fall. The PSAT 8 is designed to set a baseline for students at the beginning of their high school career so educators can measure progress over the following years.	Two months after the College Board receives the results
State-Mandated	Jan. 8 – Feb. 8, 2025	ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	ACCESS for ELLs (ACCESS) is the collective name for WIDA’s suite of summative English language proficiency assessments. ACCESS is taken annually by English learners in kindergarten through grade 12.	Late May
State-Mandated	Mar. 24 – Apr. 25, 2025	Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA)	The Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0 (GAA 2.0) is designed to ensure that students in grades 3-8 and 11 with significant cognitive disabilities who qualify based on the state eligibility criteria are provided access to the state academic content standards and given the opportunity to demonstrate achievement of the knowledge, concepts, and skills inherent in the standards.	Following certification of preliminary scores from the state of Georgia, typically in early June



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State-Mandated	Apr. 24 – May 7, 2025	Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG)	Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade measures how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards in English language arts, math, science, and social studies. Georgia Milestones is a single assessment system that consists of end-of-grade measures in English and math in grades 3-8, end-of-grade measures in science in grades 5 and 8, and end-of-grade measures in social studies in grade 8.	Following certification of preliminary scores from the state of Georgia, typically in early June
State-Mandated	Apr. 28 and May 6, 2025	Georgia Milestone End-of-Course (EOC)	Georgia Milestones End-of-Course assessment measures how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards in English language arts, math, science, and social studies. The end-of-course measures are administered at the completion of the course, regardless of the grade level. Middle school students who are enrolled in an EOC math and/or science course must take the associated Georgia Milestones EOC.	Following certification of preliminary scores from the state of Georgia, typically in early June
State-Mandated	May 19 – 21, 2025	Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) Retest	Georgia Milestones EOG Retest administration is only for students in grades 3, 5, and 8 who did not achieve grade-level expectations in reading and/or students in grades 5 and 8 who did not achieve grade-level expectations in mathematics on the EOG Spring assessment.	Following certification of preliminary scores from the state of Georgia, typically in late June