

Cochrane-Fountain City School District Assessment Schedule 2020-2021

Assessment	Grade	Assessment Window		
		Fall	Winter	Spring
Elementary				
PALS	4K, K	October 13 – November 3	January 4 – February 12	April 20 – May 21
	1, 2	September 29 – November 3	January 4 – February 12	April 20 – May 21
MAPS	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	September 30 – October 14	January 18 – January 29	April 20 – May 3
Benchmark (Fountas & Pinnell)	K, 1, 2, 3		January 11 – 29	May 10 – 28
Forward Exam (or DLM) – English and Math	3, 4, 5, 6			March 22- April 30
Forward Exam (or DLM) – Science and Social Studies	4			March 22- April 30
Junior High				
MAPS	7, 8	September 30 – October 14	January 25 – February 12	April 20 – May 3
Forward Exam (or DLM) – English and Math	7, 8			March 22- April 30
Forward Exam (or DLM) – Science and Social Studies	8			March 22- April 30
High School				
Forward Exam (or DLM) – Social Studies	10			March 22- April 30
ASVAB	11		November	
PSAT	11		January 26	
ACT with Writing	11		March 9 – 19	
ACT Aspire	9, 10			April 6 – May 6
Civics Exam	Once during 9-12	<i>as scheduled by teacher</i>		
Other				
ACCESS for ELs	1 - 12		December 1 – January 29	

Additional assessments may be added depending on student need. All dates subject to change.

Questions? Please contact Sue McKay, District Assessment Coordinator smckay@cfc.k12.wi.us.

Assessment Descriptions

Assessment	Purpose	Description
ACCESS for ELs	State Required	ACCESS for ELLs (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners) is a secure large-scale English language proficiency assessment given to Kindergarten through 12th graders who have been identified as English language learners (ELLs). It is given annually in WIDA Consortium member states to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English. The test assesses the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.
Forward Exam (or DLM)	State Required	<p>An online assessment for Wisconsin students. The new custom assessment will be administered in English language arts and mathematics in grades 3 through 8, in science in grades 4 and 8, and in social studies in 4, 8, and 10.</p> <p>The DLM™ assessment measures the academic progress of students with significant cognitive disabilities in the subject areas of English language arts and mathematics for students in grades 3-11 as well as science for students in grades 4 and 8-11. This is an online assessment delivered either via the computer; however, some students may need their teacher to present the items to them. The teacher will then enter the student's response into the online platform.</p>
PALS	State Required	The Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS) provides a comprehensive assessment of young children's knowledge of the important literacy fundamentals that are predictive of future reading success. PALS assessments are designed to identify students in need of additional reading instruction beyond that provided to typically developing readers. PALS also informs teachers' instruction by providing them with explicit information about their students' knowledge of literacy fundamentals
Benchmark (Fountas & Pinnell)	Instructional/ Diagnostic	The Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment Systems are accurate and reliable tools to identify the instructional and independent reading levels of all students and document student progress through one-on-one formative and summative assessments.
MAPS	Instructional/ Diagnostic	MAP Suite assessments precisely measure student performance, growth, and skills mastery to help support learning for every student. The assessments in the MAP Suite give you a thorough picture of student learning: how much they've grown, what they're ready to learn, and the specific skill gaps they need to master.
ASVAB	Career Readiness	The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is given to many juniors and seniors at high schools all across the country. The "Student" ASVAB is a great career assessment tool that can help you identify which career areas best suit you. Because this is an aptitude test it doesn't just tell you what you are currently good at, it will also tell you what you may be good at learning.
ACT Aspire	State Required	ACT Aspire is a summative online assessment that measures readiness in the areas of English, Reading, Math, Science, and Writing. It is given to 9th and 10th grade students. It predicts how a student will perform on the ACT and ACT WorkKeys assessment in 11th grade.
ACT Plus Writing	State Required	A paper pencil test given to 11th grade students which measures Reading, Math, English, Science and Writing. Scores from the administration of The ACT Plus Writing (if taken with ACT Standard Time or ACT-approved accommodations) can be used by students for a variety of purposes including college admission, scholarships, course placement, and NCAA eligibility.
Civics Exam	State Required	WI Act 55 requires students, starting with the class of 2017, graduating from a Wisconsin high school to take and pass a civics test comprised of 100 questions that are identical to the US Citizenship and Immigration Services test to receive a diploma. Students need to answer 65 questions correctly