

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 303
ASSESSMENT CALENDAR, 2017-2018

Grade	Test	Dates	Description (Use)	Required By	Which Students	Average Testing Time
K,1,2	Aimsweb	9/18/17 to 10/11/17	Provides information on student's progress toward fluent reading. Used to differentiate instruction.	District	All*	10 minutes
		1/8/18 to 1/31/18		District	All*	10 minutes
		5/1/18 to 5/31/18		District	All*	10 minutes
3	Performance Series	October 2 to 13, 2017 Jan. 22 to Feb. 2, 2018 April 30 to May 11, 2018	Provides information on student's attainment and propensity towards various standards. Used to guide instruction of groups and individual students as well as curriculum evaluation.	District	All*	c. 1 hour for Reading and c.1 for Math
	CogAT	November 6 to 17, 2017	Assists in understanding in how students learn, remember, and problem-solve. Used to gain an understanding of students and groups of students as learners.	District	All*	10 minutes per test, with tests totaling 90 minutes of test time
	PARCC	April 2 to 20, 2018	State standards test in Reading and Math. Used as a piece of information about students, groups, and cohorts, as well as for setting goals and evaluating curriculum.	State Board of Education	All*	8 hours & 15 minutes total over 7 tests
	Fountas & Pinnell	May 2018	Reading benchmark tool. Used to help identify students' reading strengths and weaknesses; fluency and comprehension on grade level standards.	District	All*	30 minutes
4	PARCC	April 2 to 20, 2018	State standards test in Reading and Math. Used as a piece of information about students, groups, and cohorts, as well as for setting goals and evaluating curriculum.	State Board of Education	All*	8 hours & 45 minutes total over 7 tests

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	CogAT	November 6 to 17, 2017	Cognitive abilities have to do with how we learn, remember, and problem-solve. Used to gain an understanding of students and groups of students as learners.	District	All*	10 minutes per test, with tests totaling 90 minutes of test time
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	ISA	April 2 to 30, 2018	Illinois Science Assessment designed to measure the Next Generation Science Standards. Used to help students understand their progress towards NGSS Standards, and evaluate curriculum.	State Board of Education	All*	c.1 hour
6 – 7	Performance Series	October 2 to 13, 2017 Jan. 22 to Feb. 2, 2018 April 30 to May 11, 2018	Provides information on student's attainment and propensity towards various standards. Used to guide instruction of groups and individual students as well as curriculum evaluation.	District	All*	c. 1 hour for Reading and c.1 for Math
6 – 8	PARCC	April 2 to 20, 2018	State standards test in Reading and Math. Used as a piece of information about students, groups, and cohorts, as well as for setting goals and evaluating curriculum.	State Board of Education	All*	9 hours & 10 minutes total over 6 tests
8	ISA	April 2 to 30, 2018	Illinois Science Assessment designed to measure the Next Generation Science Standards. Used to help students understand their progress towards NGSS Standards, and evaluate curriculum.	State Board of Education	All*	c.1 hour

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8 – 9	PSAT	October 11, 2017	Part of the SAT Suite of Assessments. A measure of college and career readiness, and AP potential. Used by students to understand their progress towards readiness for college and career, as well as understanding individual, group and cohort growth, and evaluate curriculum.	District	All*	2 hours and 25 minutes
10 – 11	NMSQT	October 11, 2017	Part of the SAT Suite of Assessments (see PSAT above), and serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Students can earn scholarships towards college and careers based on performance on this test.	District	All*	2 hours and 45 minutes
11	SAT	April 10, 2018 Make-up: April 24, 2018	Part of the SAT Suite of Assessments (see PSAT above), and serves as a college entrance exam.	State Board of Education	All*	3 to 4 hours depending on tests taken
9 – 12 (Course-Based)	ISA	April 2 to 30, 2018	Illinois Science Assessment designed to measure the Next Generation Science Standards. Used to help students understand their progress towards NGSS Standards, and evaluate curriculum.	State Board of Education	All*	c.1 hour
10-12	AP Exams	May 7 to 18, 2018	AP courses have college level curriculum and rigor. Students can earn college credit by passing an AP class and by their score on the AP Exam.	District	Students enrolled in an AP class	c.2-3 hours
K-12	ACCESS	January 17 to Feb. 20, 2018	Language proficiency test for English Language Learners used to measure growth in English proficiency and ability to access the curriculum in English	State Board of Education	English Language Learners	c.4 hours total, 5 to 6 tests per student
3-11	DLM-AA	March 14 to May 9, 2018	Alternate assessment system for students with disabilities, used to measure student, group, and cohort progress towards attainment of state standards for students who are on an alternate curriculum path.	State Board of Education	Students with Special Needs	c.2 ½ to 3 ½ hrs. per student depending upon individual needs

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