

Assessment Calendar 2023-24

2023-24 Assessment Plan (Subject to Change as needed)

Last update: 6/30/23

Assessments:

- **Press:** One-to-one teacher administered assessment for pre/early readers. Benchmarks students on phonemic awareness, phonics, blends, etc.
- **Fountas & Pinnell (FP):** One to one teacher-administered reading benchmark given 2-3 times yearly for grades K-2 and students with reading/ELL services. Measures students' instructional reading level over time and measures reading fluency and comprehension.
- **KG Math Readiness:** Teacher delivered end-of-unit assessments are used as Kindergarten math readiness data.
- **KG Reading Readiness:** Press in the fall and F&P in the winter and spring are used for Kindergarten reading readiness data.
- **iReady:** Nationally normed computer assessment given three times yearly for reading and math. Used to target critical skills and adjust instruction in the classroom. Used as data for math and reading interventions.
- **ESSA ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS:** State required test through ESSA, measures progress towards meeting the WIDA English Language Development Standards for English Language Learners. Used to monitor growth in English acquisition to determine eligibility for services for next academic year.
- **MCA III (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment):** State required test through Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30. Delivered via computer.
 - Students are assessed annually in grades 3 through 8 in math and reading. And grades 5,8 in Science.
 - Each fall the teaching staff analyzes the results to determine achievement by grade and demographic categories. The staff then uses the data to plan and make decisions regarding goals, curricula, staffing, intervention approaches, and professional development.
 - Reading: Grades 3-8; Total approximate hours = Gr 3-8 = 2.5-3.5 hours
 - Math: Grades 3-8; Total approximate hours: Gr 3 & 4 = 1.5-2 hours; Gr 5 & 6 = 1.5-2.5 hours; Gr. 7 & 8 = 2-3 hours.
 - Science: Total approximate hours: Gr 5 & 8 1.5-2 hours
- **MTA (Minnesota Test of Academic Skills):** State required test through Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30. Delivered in a 1:1 setting via paper test materials.
 - From MTA Test Specifications: "Minnesota's alternate assessment for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. It is designed exclusively for use with students who receive special education services and whose participation has been determined on an individual basis by an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team."

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Explanation:

At New City School we use a variety of assessments to meet our obligations to the state and our authorizer. More importantly, we use assessment data alongside attendance and classroom data to get a clear sense of each student’s current level of ability in reading and math. We track this data over time to measure academic growth and mastery of standards. This ongoing analysis and reflection of student progress gives teachers the tools to adjust instruction in their classroom to meet student needs. It also allows school staff to see which students need additional support in critical subject areas, and get those students the resources they need to be successful.

Assessment Calendar:

Grades	Dates	Assessments	Notes
All Students	8/28/23-9/15/23	iReady Math (Fall) iReady Reading (Fall)	Nationally normed, used for benchmarking
All ELLs	02/20/24-	ESSA ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS	State Required for ELLs
All students	1/3/24-1/19/24	iReady Math (Winter) iReady Reading (Winter)	Nationally normed, used for growth metrics
3-8	4/15/24-4/19/24	MCA and MTA Reading	State Required
3-8	4/22/24-4/26/24	MCA and MTA Math	State Required
5,8	4/29/24-5/2/24	MCA and MTA Science	State Required
All students	5/6/24-5/24/24	iReady Math (Spring) iReady Reading (Spring)	Nationally normed, used for growth metrics

Early Literacy and Math Readiness Calendar:

Grades	Dates	Assessments	Notes
KG	Varies (See Table Below)	Reading Readiness	ALL KG takes PRESS in fall. ALL KG takes F&P in winter and spring. Some also take Press in winter if they qualify (Reading intervention/ELL/Sped)
KG	Varies throughout	Math Readiness	ALL KG takes assessments at

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	the year.		the end of each Eureka math unit, which is used as math readiness data.
1-6	9/11/23-9/29/23	F&P	ALL students Grades 1-2 take F&P in fall. Grades 3-6 take if they qualify (Reading intervention/ELL/SpEd)
K-6	1/16/24-1/26/24	F&P	ALL students Grades K-2 take F&P in winter. Grades 3-6 take if they qualify (Reading Intervention/ELL/SpEd)
K-6	4/29/24-5/9/24	F&P	ALL students Grades K-2 take F&P in spring. Grades 3-6 take if they qualify (Reading Intervention/ELL/SpEd)