

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As part of our efforts to keep all families informed, below is a summary of the academic assessments your child may take as part of their educational experience this school year. This list includes district or state assessments in which your student may be asked to participate; however, standard classroom assessments are not listed. Additionally, administration of these assessments may vary by student based on individual needs.

Please feel free to contact your child’s teacher, building administrator, or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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GRADE LEVELS TESTED AND TIMING

High School	GRADE LEVELS TESTED				TIME OF YEAR		
	9	10	11	12	Fall	Winter	Spring
ELA & Math State Assessment		●					◆
Science State Assessment			●				◆
Social Studies State Assessment			●			◆	
FastBridge aReading	●	Δ	Δ	Δ	◆	Δ	Δ
Pre-ACT	●	●			◆		
Practice ACT			●		◆		
ACT			●				◆
ACT WorkKeys (optional)			●		◆		
NMSQT PSAT (optional)		●	●		◆		
AP Exams (optional)	●	●	●	●			◆

Please go to the next page for a description of each test.

Δ = possibly required (as scores indicate)

Test(s)	Description
English Language Arts (ELA) & Math State Assessment	The Kansas State Assessments fall under the umbrella of the Kansas Assessment Program or KAP. Students in grade 10 participate in the ELA and math state assessments which measure student learning relative to state standards
Science & Social Studies State Assessment	The Kansas State Assessments fall under the umbrella of the Kansas Assessment Program or KAP. All juniors participate in the science state assessment which measures a student's mastery of state science standards. All juniors also participate in the social studies state assessment, though this is embedded in the U.S. History curriculum and may look/feel more like a project or writing assignment.
FastBridge aReading Suite	All students are given the aReading assessment in the fall of their freshmen year. The information collected indicates whether a student is on track to meet future reading goals. If the results indicate the need for more information regarding student's reading skills, they will complete a second quick assessment to determine if additional support is needed. FastBridge screening is part of the Olathe instructional plan. This assessment fulfills Kansas requirements for the dyslexia screening.
Pre-ACT (Preliminary ACT)	All freshmen and sophomores take the Pre-ACT, a test aligned with and designed to predict future performance on the ACT. Like the ACT, students are tested in English, Math, Reading, and Science.
ACT	Per the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), all Kansas juniors are given one free opportunity to participate in the ACT exam. The ACT tests students in English, Math, Reading, and Science. There are also ACT (and SAT) opportunities on Saturdays; Saturday participation is not free, and level of participation is up to the student/family.
ACT WorkKeys	(OPTIONAL) Per KSDE, all Kansas juniors/seniors are given one free opportunity to participate in an ACT WorkKeys exam. The test measures workplace readiness and is accepted by many employers throughout the United States as evidence of a student's ability to perform a particular job. The test has three sections – applied math, graphic literacy, workplace documents.
NMSQT PSAT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test – Preliminary SAT)	(OPTIONAL) Sophomores and juniors may choose to take this test. While this is a practice test for sophomores, juniors who score well can qualify for National Merit Scholarship awards.
AP Exams (Advanced Placement)	(OPTIONAL) These are subject specific exams, usually taken by students who are completing a particular AP course. Passing scores can earn college credit.