

North Slope Borough School District Assessment Calendar 2021-2022

District Assessments

DIAL (K3 &K4)

- **August 30 - October 1, 2021**
Initial screening – Students will be assessed on parent request.
- **March 6 - March 30, 2022**
Re-screen those students who failed the previous screening.

Training: Training for administering the DIAL will come from Student Services.

ACT: School Based Assessment

Juniors and Seniors

- **Test Window 1:**
March 8-10, 2022
March 15-17, 2022
- **Test Window 2:**
March 29-31, 2022
April 5-7, 2022

NSBSD and the North Slope Borough sponsor the ACT for Juniors and Seniors. This is free to students who take advantage of this opportunity.

AIMSweb+

Grades K-2 Required, 3-8 Optional

MAP

Reading, Math, Language Usage
Grades 2-12 Required, K-1 Optional

Science

Grades 3-10 Required, Grade 2 Optional

Benchmark Window for AIMSweb+ and MAP

- **Fall: September 6 - October 1, 2021**
- **Winter: January 17 - February 11, 2022**
- **Spring: April 11 - May 6, 2022**

Progress monitoring provided as required by building and intervention level.

Renaissance Star Math and Reading (OPTIONAL)

Grades 2-8

- **Initial: August 16 - 20, 2021**
- **October 1-8, 2021**
- **December 13-17, 2021**
- **March 7-11, 2022**
- **May 9-13, 2022**

State Assessments

Alaska Developmental Profile

Kindergarten and eligible 1st graders

- **September 17 - November 1, 2021**

Training: New-to-district Kindergarten teachers will be given access to training the first week of September.

NAEP

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Commissioner decided to postpone the NAEP 2021 assessments, until the 2021–2022 school year.

Select Sites grades 4 and 8

- **Dates to be Determined**

WIDA ACCESS for ELLs

- **February 1 - March 31, 2022**

PEAKS Science Assessment

Grades 5, 8, 10 Science

- **March 28 - April 29, 2022**

NWEA Summative Assessments

ELA and Math, Grades 3-9

- **Dates to be Determined**

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) - Alternate Assessment

ELA and Math, Grades 3-9
Science, grades 5, 8, and 10

- **March 21 – May 6, 2022**

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Assessment Descriptors

AIMSweb+

- AIMSweb is a universal screening, progress monitoring, and data management system that supports Response to Intervention (RTI) and tiered instruction. AIMSweb uses brief, valid, and reliable measures of reading and math performance for grades K-12, which can be generalized to any curriculum.

Dial-4

- NSBSD uses Dial-4 as a screening instrument to identify young children (K-3 and K-4) in need of help with academic skills or in need of further intervention or assessment as part of the District's Child Find process.

To learn more about the Speed DIAL 4:

<http://www.pearsonclinical.com/childhood/products/100001862/speed-dial-4.html>

Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®)

- MAP is a K – 12 interim assessment that measures growth. Data from MAP can help educators project proficiency on state accountability tests, support differentiated instruction, and serve as an input for program evaluation. Computer adaptive MAP assessments help identify a student's current academic achievement level and what they're ready to learn. MAP assessments are grade independent and adapt to each student's instructional level.

Renaissance STAR Math and Reading

- Star Math is a customized math test for students to take on a computer. The test is designed for students in grades 1 through 12 (also for students in kindergarten who have basic reading and math skills). Students can finish the Star Math test in about 20 minutes.
- Star Reading is a computer-adaptive test that measures student achievement on reading skills. As a student takes the assessment, the software selects items based on the student's responses. Star Reading consists of 34 items (25 for progress monitoring) and generally takes fewer than 30 minutes for the student to complete the assessment.

For more information on Star Math please visit <https://help2.renaissance.com/SM/WhatIsSM>

For more information on Star Reading please visit <https://help2.renaissance.com/SR/Resources>

The Alaska Developmental Profile (DP)

- The Alaska Developmental Profile is required by state law to be completed for all students entering kindergarten or students entering first grade who did not attend a public kindergarten. Teachers are asked to rate their students on the goals in the DP after the first four weeks of school. Teachers will report student scores using an online system found at the DP website.

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NAEP

- The National Assessment of Educational Progress or NAEP, is often called the "Nation's Report Card." *NAEP testing happens every other year.* It is the largest continuing and nationally representative assessment of what our nation's students know and can do in core subjects.

NAEP is congressionally mandated, and was first administered in 1969 to measure student achievement nationally. Teachers, principals, parents, policymakers, and researchers all use NAEP results to assess progress and develop ways to improve education in the United States.

Learn [more about NAEP](#) and its [history of educational assessment](#).

WIDA ACCESS for ELLs

- ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is a secure large-scale English language proficiency assessment administered to Kindergarten through 12th grade students who have been identified as English language learners (ELLs). It is administered annually in WIDA Consortium member states to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English. ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is only available to Consortium member states.

Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS)

- PEAKS is the state-wide science summative assessment
Grades 5, 8, 10 Science

Learn more about PEAKS <https://education.alaska.gov/tls/assessments/PEAKS.html>

NWEA Summative Assessments

- ELA and Math, Grades 3-9

More information regarding the new NWEA Summative Assessment will be available as information is provided by the Alaska Department of Education.

Press Release:

[Alaska's innovative assessment to improve value of English Language Arts and Math testing for students, educators and families](#)

[The Facts about Alaska's New Balanced Assessments](#)

Dynamic Learning Maps™ (DLM®)

- The DLM is Alaska's Alternate Assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities.
Grades 3-9 ELA and Math
Grades 5, 8, 10 Science

Learn more about the Alternate Assessment <https://education.alaska.gov/tls/sped/alternate/>