

Q: What assessments do students take at Nova Classical Academy?

A: Students take the following assessments:

- Data-Driven Assessments (DDIs), once quarterly, or four times a year. These assessments are teacher-created, administered, and analyzed. DDIs are class- and grade-level assessments.
- ACCESS for K-12 ELL students- January & February of each academic year. ACCESS tests are state-level assessments.
- MCAs for students grades 3-11- April of each academic year. MCA tests are state-level assessments.
- AIMSWeb & STAR for students grades K-5- Fall/Winter/Spring Reading testing, both comprehension and fluency, in 2021-22. AIMSWeb and STAR are national-level assessments.
- FastBridge for students K-12- Fall/Winter/Spring Reading and Math testing, starting in 2021-22. FastBridge Reading and Math are national-level assessments.

Q: How long do each of these assessments take?

A:

- Data-Driven Assessments (DDIs) are designed to take a class period, or about 45 minutes.
- ACCESS for ELL students grades 1-12 take about 45-60 minutes per domain, four domains in total. Kindergarten ACCESS testing takes 45 minutes.
- MCAs for students grades 3-11 take 1-2.5 hours per subject test.
- AIMSWeb & STAR for students grades K-5- 3 minutes for AIMSWeb and 20-45 minutes for STAR.
- FastBridge for students K-12- 30 questions per test, Math and Reading.

Q: How does Nova Classical Academy use the assessment results?

A: Nova Classical Academy uses all assessments to inform curriculum and instruction, to determine student placement and support services, and to screen for dyslexia.

Q: How do parents access their student's assessment results?

A: Parents will receive a personalized URL for a secure folder that will hold all yearly assessment results. Results will be available two weeks after nationally-normed test windows (FastBridge), and when the MN Department releases MCA scores in August of each year.