



# Nova Classical Academy

## District Testing for 2023-2024

At Nova Classical Academy, our students take several assessments throughout the school year:

- **FastBridge:** These are 30-question, nationally-normed assessments taken three times a year K-12 to measure growth in reading and math.
  - Lower School students take FastBridge earlyReading (grades K-1), CBMreading (grades 1-3), and AUTOreading (grades 4-5), FastBridge aReading & aMath (K-5)
  - Upper School students take FastBridge AUTOreading (grades 6-8), and aReading & aMath (6-12)
- **Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs):** These assessments, required by federal and state legislation, measure the success of instruction based on the MN Academic Standards.
- **ACCESS:** These assessments for ELL students are used to monitor English learners' progress as they develop academic language skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
- **PSAT:** This assessment is used to prepare students for the ACT or SAT.
- **ACT:** The ACT is a college admissions test, designed to measure college-readiness.
- **Data-Driven Instruction (DDI):** These four interim assessments are teacher-created curriculum-specific tests in order to support learning and improve our teaching for our classes and individual students.

### Lower School:

Fall FastBridge Benchmark Window: August 29-September 22, 2023	ACCESS for ELL students: February 20- February 26, 2024
Winter FastBridge Benchmark Window: January 4-February 2, 2024	MCAs (3-5): April 12-April 18 2024 *in classroom*
Spring FastBridge Benchmark Window: May 13- June 5, 2024	

### Upper School:

Fall FastBridge Benchmark Window: September 11-September 15, 2023	ACCESS for ELL students: February 27-March 7, 2024
Winter FastBridge Benchmark Window: January 29-February 2, 2024	MCAs (6-11): April 19- April 25, 2024
Spring FastBridge Benchmark Window: May 17-May 23, 2024	PSAT (10th & 11th grade) October 12, 2023
	ACT (11th grade) TBD

LOWER SCHOOL FULL YEAR DATA-DRIVEN INSTRUCTION (DDI) CALENDAR  
2023-2024:

2023-2024 LS DDI Schedule Full-year daily courses	Instruction	Testing Window	Analysis/ Planning Window
1 <sup>st</sup> Interim Assessment	August 28 to October 13 (7 weeks)	October 16 to October 27	October 30 to November 2
2 <sup>nd</sup> Interim Assessment	October 16-January 12 (10 weeks)	January 11 to January 19	January 23 to January 29
3 <sup>rd</sup> Interim Assessment	January 16 to March 22 (10 weeks)	March 21 to March 28	March 29 to April 12
Final Assessment	March 25 to May 23 (8 weeks)	May 22 to May 31	June 3 to June 7

2023-2024 LS Specialists ABC Rotation DDI Schedule	Instruction	Testing Window	Analysis/ Planning Window
1 <sup>st</sup> Interim Assessment	August 28 to January 12 (17 weeks)	January 11 to January 19 or to be determined with Specialists DDI Lead	January 23 to January 29
Final Assessment	January 16 to May 23 (18 weeks)	May 22 to May 31 or to be determined with Specialists DDI Lead	June 3 to June 7

UPPER SCHOOL FULL YEAR DATA-DRIVEN INSTRUCTION (DDI) CALENDAR  
2023-2024

2023-2024 US DDI Schedule Full-year daily courses	Instruction	Testing Window	Analysis/ Planning Window
1 <sup>st</sup> Interim Assessment	August 28 to October 6 (6 weeks)	October 3 to October 13	October 16 to October 24
2 <sup>nd</sup> Interim Assessment	October 9 to December 8 (8 weeks)	December 6 to December 13	December 14 to December 19
3 <sup>rd</sup> Interim Assessment	December 11 to March 1 (10 weeks)	February 29 to March 7	March 12 to March 15
4 <sup>th</sup> Interim Assessment	March 4 to May 2 (8 weeks)	April 29 to May 10	May 13 to May 17

2023-2024 US Specialists ABC Rotation DDI Schedule	Instruction	Testing Window	Analysis/ Planning Window
1 <sup>st</sup> Interim Assessment	August 28 to December 8 (14 weeks)	December 6 to December 13 or to be determined with Specialists DDI Lead	December 14 to December 19
Final Assessment (2 <sup>nd</sup> Interim)	December 11 to May 2 (18 weeks)	April 29 to May 10 or to be determined with Specialists DDI Lead	May 13 to May 17