



Nova Classical Academy

District Testing for 2024-2025

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), earlyMath (K-1), CBMmath (2-5), FastBridge aReading & aMath (K-5)
 - Upper School students take FastBridge AUTOreading (grades 6-8), CBMmath (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 27-September 20, 2024	ACCESS for ELL students: February 21-February 28, 2025 February 21: Listening G1-5, Reading G1-5 February 24: Speaking G1-5, Writing G4-5 February 25: KG ACCESS, Speaking G1-5 February 26: KG ACCESS, Speaking G1-5 February 27: Writing Tier A G1-3 February 28: Writing Tier B/C G1-3
Winter FastBridge Benchmark Window: January 6-February 7, 2025	MCAs (3-5) April 11-April 17, 2025 *in classroom*: April 11: G5 Reading April 14: G4 Math, G3 Math April 15: G3 Reading, G5 Math April 16: G3 Reading, G4 Reading April 17: G5 Science
Spring FastBridge Benchmark Window: May 12-June 3, 2025	

Upper School:

Fall FastBridge Benchmark Window: September 9-September 13, 2024	ACCESS for ELL students: March 3-March 14, 2025 March 3: Reading G6-12 March 4: Listening G6-12 March 5: Tier Placement, Makeups KG-12 March 6: Writing G6-8 March 11: Writing G9-12 March 12: Speaking G9-12 March 13: Speaking G6-8 March 14: Makeups for KG-12
Winter FastBridge Benchmark Window: January 27-January 31, 2025	ACT (11th grade) March 25, 2025
Spring FastBridge Benchmark Window: May 19-May 28, 2025	MCA's (6-11) April 21-April 24, 2025: April 21: G8 Math, G6 Reading, G7 Math April 22: G10 Reading, G8 Reading April 23: G7 Reading, G11 Math April 24: G6 Math, G8 Science, HS Science
PSAT (10th & 11th grade) October 10, 2024	

LOWER SCHOOL FULL YEAR DATA-DRIVEN INSTRUCTION (DDI) CALENDAR
2024-2025:

2024-2025 LS DDI Schedule Full-year daily courses	Instruction	Testing Window	Analysis/ Planning Window
1st Interim Assessment	August 26 to October 11 (7 weeks)	October 22 to October 25	October 28 to October 31
2nd Interim Assessment	October 22 to January 10 (10 weeks)	January 13-January 16	January 17 to January 24
3rd Interim Assessment	January 13 to March 14 (9 weeks)	March 17 to March 21	March 24 to March 28
Final Assessment	March 17 to May 22 (9 weeks)	May 21 to May 28	May 29 to June 5

2024-2025 LS Specialists ABC Rotation DDI Schedule	Instruction	Testing Window	Analysis/ Planning Window
1st Interim Assessment	August 26 to January 10 (17 weeks)	January 13-January 16 or to be determined with Specialists DDI Lead	January 17 to January 24
Final Assessment	January 13 to May 22 (18 weeks)	May 21 to May 28 or to be determined with Specialists DDI Lead	May 29 to June 5

UPPER SCHOOL FULL YEAR DATA-DRIVEN INSTRUCTION (DDI) CALENDAR
2024-2025

2024-2025 US DDI Schedule Full-year daily courses	Instruction	Testing Window	Analysis/ Planning Window
1 st Interim Assessment	August 26 to October 2 (6 weeks)	October 7 to October 11	October 14 to October 22
2 nd Interim Assessment	October 7 to December 6 (8 weeks)	December 9 to December 13	December 16 to December 20
3 rd Interim Assessment	December 9 to February 25 (10 weeks)	February 26 to March 3	March 4 to March 10
4 th Interim Assessment	February 26 to May 9 (8 weeks)	May 12 to May 16	May 19 to May 23

2024-2025 US Specialists ABC Rotation DDI Schedule	Instruction	Testing Window	Analysis/ Planning Window
1 st Interim Assessment	August 26 to December 6 (14 weeks)	December 9 to December 13 or to be determined with Specialists DDI Lead	December 16 to December 20
Final Assessment (2 nd Interim)	December 9 to May 9 (18 weeks)	May 12 to May 16 or to be determined with Specialists DDI Lead	May 19 to May 23