

TESTING INSTRUMENTS

2026-2027

Tests administered annually to an entire grade:

Test Instrument	Grades/Levels Subject Area(s)	Purpose
Acadience Math Benchmark	K-5 Math	Benchmark assessment
Act 35 Civics Exam (District Developed)	7-12 Social Studies	State-mandated exam for secondary students in lieu of an additional Keystone exam; CV administers in 12th grade
Classroom Diagnostic Test (CDT)	6-10 ELA, Math, Science	Formative assessment based on PA Core Standards
Desmos mCLASS	6-8 Math	Multiple assessments designed to provide individualized insights into students' conceptual understanding in mathematics
Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)	K-6 Reading	Universal screener Progress-monitoring
Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Assessment	K-1 Reading	Early literacy screening and growth
Firefly	3-8 ELA and 10 3-8 Math and Algebra 4,8 Science and Biology	Benchmark Assessment
IXL Assessments	K-10 Math & Reading	Real Time Diagnostic (current levels) and Snapshot (Benchmark)
Keystone Exams	8-11 Algebra, Biology, English	State-mandated standardized exams
PSSA	3-8 Reading, Math, Science (4, 8)	State mandated standardized exams
Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS)	4,6,8,10,12 Tests Administered Bi-annually	The survey collects developmentally appropriate anonymous data on: • Mental health and wellness • Alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use • Bullying • Risk and protective factors • School climate and student attitudes

Tests administered to individuals or groups as needed for screening or placement:

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WIDA ACCESS	K-12/English Language Learners	State-mandated test for monitoring English language acquisition and growth
WIDA Screener	Pre-K-12/English Language Learners	State-Mandated assessment to determine need for ESL services I
ACT WorkKeys	9-12	National Career Readiness Certificate
Advanced Tiers Intervention and Support Resources	K-12 Math & Reading	Diagnostic resources associated with Tier 2 and Tier 3 RtII/MTSS supports
ASVAB	10	Score used to potentially satisfy one of the Act 158 graduation pathways
Naglieri General Ability Tests: Verbal & Quantitative	2	Screener for gifted education
Core Phonics Survey	K-2 and ESL students (as needed) Reading	Diagnostic assessment for early reading skills
Curriculum Based Assessments	K-12 All subject areas	Assessments used to determine academic levels in various content areas and courses
Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)	7-8	Benchmark assessment/progress monitoring
MAP Growth assessment	6-10	Benchmark assessment/progress monitoring for Math 180 and Read 180
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	4, 8	The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as "The Nation's Report Card," is the largest ongoing and nationally representative assessment of what U.S. students know and can do in various subjects. It measures student achievement at national, state, and selected urban district levels, allowing for comparisons across states and demographic groups, but does not provide individual student or school results
Pupil Services	Instruments required as part of the assessments for PA Chapters 14 (Special Education), 15 (504 Plans, and 16 (Gifted Education). Testing instruments are identified based on student areas of need and/or referral question(s).	