

# Nova Classical Academy

## District Testing for 2025-2026

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 26-September 19, 2025	ACCESS for ELL students: February 20-February 27, 2026 February 20: Listening G1-5, Reading G1-5 February 23: Speaking G1-5, Writing G4-5 February 24: KG ACCESS, Speaking G1-5 February 25: KG ACCESS, Speaking G1-5 February 26: Writing Tier A G1-3 February 27: Writing Tier B/C G1-3
Winter FastBridge Benchmark Window: January 5-February 6, 2026	MCAs (3-5) April 10-April 16, 2026 *in classroom*: April 10: G5 Reading April 13: G4 Math, G3 Math April 14: G3 Reading, G5 Math April 15: G3 Reading, G4 Reading April 16: G5 Science
Spring FastBridge Benchmark Window: May 11-June 2, 2026	

## Upper School:

Fall FastBridge Benchmark Window: September 8-September 12, 2025	ACCESS for ELL students: March 2-March 12, 2026 March 2: Reading G6-12 March 3: Listening G6-12 March 4: Tier Placement, Makeups KG-12 March 5: Writing G6-8 March 9: Writing G9-12 March 10: Speaking G9-12 March 11: Speaking G6-8 March 12: Makeups for KG-12
Winter FastBridge Benchmark Window: January 26-January 30, 2026	ACT (11th grade) March 2026 (exact day pending)
Spring FastBridge Benchmark Window: May 18-May 27, 2026	MCAs (6-11) April 20-April 27, 2026: April 21: G8 Math, G6 Reading April 21: G7 Math, G10 Reading April 22: G8 Reading, G6 Math April 23: G7 Reading, G11 Math April 24: HS Science April 27: G8 Science
PSAT (10th & 11th grade) October 14 2025	

LOWER SCHOOL FULL YEAR DATA-DRIVEN INSTRUCTION (DDI) CALENDAR  
2025-2026:

2025-2026 LS DDI Schedule Full-year daily courses	Instruction	Testing Window	Analysis/ Planning Window
1 <sup>st</sup> Interim Assessment	August 25 to October 10 (7 weeks)	October 13 to October 22	October 23 to October 30
2 <sup>nd</sup> Interim Assessment	October 13 to January 9 (10 weeks)	January 12-January 23	January 26 to January 30
3 <sup>rd</sup> Interim Assessment	January 12 to March 5 (8 weeks)	March 9 to March 13	March 16 to March 20
4th/Final Assessment	March 30 to May 8 (8 weeks)	May 11 to May 21	May 18 to June 4

2025-2026 LS Specialists ABC Rotation DDI Schedule	Instruction	Testing Window	Analysis/ Planning Window
1 <sup>st</sup> Interim Assessment	August 25 to January 9 (17 weeks)	January 12-January 23 or to be determined with Specialists DDI Lead	January 26 to January 30
4th/Final Assessment	January 12 to May 8 (16 weeks)	May 11 to May 21 or to be determined with Specialists DDI Lead	May 18 to June 4

UPPER SCHOOL FULL YEAR DATA-DRIVEN INSTRUCTION (DDI) CALENDAR  
2025-2026

2025-2026 US DDI Schedule Full-year daily courses	Instruction	Testing Window	Analysis/ Planning Window
1 <sup>st</sup> Interim Assessment	August 25 to October 1 (6 weeks)	October 6 to October 10	October 13 to October 22
2 <sup>nd</sup> Interim Assessment	October 6 to December 5 (8 weeks)	December 8 to December 12	December 15 to December 19
3 <sup>rd</sup> Interim Assessment	December 8 to March 5 (10 weeks)	March 9 to March 13	March 16 to March 20
4 <sup>th</sup> /Final Assessment	March 9 to May 8 (8 weeks)	May 11 to May 21	May 18 to June 4

2025-2026 US Specialists ABC Rotation DDI Schedule	Instruction	Testing Window	Analysis/ Planning Window
1 <sup>st</sup> Interim Assessment	August 25 to December 5 (14 weeks)	December 8 to December 12 or to be determined with Specialists DDI Lead	December 15 to December 19
4 <sup>th</sup> /Final Assessment	December 9 to May 8 (18 weeks)	May 11 to May 21 or to be determined with Specialists DDI Lead	May 18 to June 4