



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:

<p>Fall FastBridge Benchmark Window: September 8-September 12, 2025</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Winter FastBridge Benchmark Window: January 26-January 30, 2026</p>	<p>ACT (11th grade) March 2026 (exact day pending)</p>
<p>Spring FastBridge Benchmark Window: May 18-May 27, 2026</p>	<p>MCAs (6-11) April 20-April 24, 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: G8 Science, HS Science</p>
<p>PSAT (10th & 11th grade) October 2025 (exact day pending)</p>	