



Nova Classical Academy

District Testing for 2026-2027

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 31- September 25, 2026	ACCESS for ELL students: February 19-February 26, 2027 February 19: Listening G1-5, Reading G1-5 February 22: Speaking G1-5, Writing G4-5 February 23: KG ACCESS, Speaking G1-5 February 24: KG ACCESS, Speaking G1-5 February 25: Writing Tier A G1-3 February 26: Writing Tier B/C G1-3
Winter FastBridge Benchmark Window: January 4-January 29, 2027	MCAs (3-5) April 9-April 15, 2027 *in classroom*: April 9: G5 Reading April 12: G4 Math, G3 Math April 13: G3 Reading, G5 Math April 14: G3 Reading, G4 Reading April 15: G5 Science
Spring FastBridge Benchmark Window: May 10-June 4, 2027	

Upper School:

Fall FastBridge Benchmark Window: Testing: September 14-September 18, 2026 Makeups: September 22- September 25, 2026	ACCESS for ELL students: March 1-March 12, 2027 March 1: Reading G6-12 March 2: Listening G6-12 March 3: Tier Placement, Makeups KG-12 March 4: Writing G6-8 March 8: Writing G9-12 March 9: Speaking G9-12 March 11: Speaking G6-8 March 12: Makeups for KG-12
Winter FastBridge Benchmark Window: Testing: January 19-January 22, 2027 Makeups: January 27-January 29, 2027	ACT (11th grade) March 2027 (exact day pending)
Spring FastBridge Benchmark Window: Testing: May 24-May 27, 2027 Makeups: June 1-June 4, 2027	MCA's (6-11) April 16-April 26, 2027: April 16: G8 Math, G6 Reading April 19: G7 Math, G10 Reading April 20: G8 Reading, G6 Math April 21: G7 Reading, G11 Math April 22: HS Science April 26: G8 Science
PSAT (10th & 11th grade) October 20 2026	

**LOWER SCHOOL FULL YEAR DATA-DRIVEN INSTRUCTION (DDI)
CALENDAR**

2026-2027:

2026-2027 LS DDI Schedule Full-year daily courses	Instruction	Testing Window	Analysis/ Planning Window
1st Interim Assessment	August 31 to October 16 (7 weeks)	October 20 to October 27	October 28 to November 6
2nd Interim Assessment	October 19 to January 8 (9 weeks)	January 13-January 22	January 25 to January 29
3rd Interim Assessment	January 11 to March 5 (8 weeks)	March 8 to March 19	March 22 to March 26
4th/Final Assessment	March 8 to May 21 (10 weeks)	May 24 to June 3	May 28 to June 10

2026-2027 LS Specialists ABC Rotation DDI Schedule	Instruction	Testing Window	Analysis/ Planning Window
1st Interim Assessment	August 31 to January 8 (16 weeks)	January 13-January 22 or to be determined with Specialists DDI Lead	January 25 to January 29
4th/Final Assessment	January 11 to May 21 (18 weeks)	May 24 to June 3 or to be determined with Specialists DDI Lead	May 28 to June 10

UPPER SCHOOL FULL YEAR DATA-DRIVEN INSTRUCTION (DDI) CALENDAR
2026-2027

2026-2027 US DDI Schedule Full-year daily courses	Instruction	Testing Window	Analysis/ Planning Window
1st Interim Assessment	August 31 to October 2 (5 weeks)	October 1 to October 9	October 12 to October 20
2nd Interim Assessment	October 5 to December 4 (8 weeks)	December 4 to December 11	December 14 to December 18
3rd Interim Assessment	December 7 to March 5 (11 weeks)	March 11 to March 19	March 22 to March 26
4th/Final Assessment	March 8 to May 7 (8 weeks)	May 10 to May 21	May 24 to June 9

2026-2027 US Specialists ABC Rotation DDI Schedule	Instruction	Testing Window	Analysis/ Planning Window
1st Interim Assessment	August 31 to December 4 (13 weeks)	December 4 to December 11 or to be determined with Specialists DDI Lead	December 14 to December 18
4th/Final Assessment	December 9 to May 8 (19 weeks)	May 10 to May 21 or to be determined with Specialists DDI Lead	May 24 to June 9