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Grades Served	Test	Required by	Window	Approx. Duration	Subjects	Students tested	Purpose	More information
Primary Assessments								
K-2	NWEA MPG	CPS	9/8/14 to 10/3/14 1/5/15 to 1/29/15 5/11/15 to 6/12/15	45-60 minutes per test	Early Reading and Math skills	School opt-in: K-2	Measures baseline and growth information to guide instruction. Notes: -Schools using MPG for literacy must also have in place a measure of student oral fluency. -Schools using TRC for literacy may use MPG for math. They may NOT also use MPG for literacy.	http://www.nwea.org/products-services/assessments/map%C2%AE-primary-grades
	TRC + DIBELS, mClass Math, IDEL	CPS	9/2/14 to 10/3/14 12/15/14 to 1/29/15 5/11/15 to 6/12/15	7-15 minutes per child per test	Early Reading and Math skills	School opt-in: K-2	Measures baseline, growth and progress monitoring information to guide instruction. TRC is appropriate for use with all students, while DIBELS can help diagnose specific difficulties for students below grade level.	http://www.wirelessgeneration.com/assessment/mclass-reading3d/overview
or								
<p>Note: Each school must have a primary literacy assessment in place, though the particular tool is at a school's discretion. CPS will support the tools listed above.</p>								
Elementary Grades Assessments								
3-8	NWEA MAP	CPS	9/8/14 to 10/3/14 REQUIRED for 3-8 students missing SY14 Spring scores. Optional by school choice or parent application for use in Selective Enrollment. 1/5/15 to 1/29/15 (Optional by school) 5/11/15 to 6/12/15 (required for 2-8)	45-60 minutes per test	Reading, Math	All grade 2-8 students at end of year	Measures baseline and growth information to guide instruction. Part of teacher and principal evaluation (growth only) and school accountability. Note: Students below a 3.0 on the 2014 ACCESS literacy or WAPT screener OR who take DLM (formerly IAA) are exempt from required testing. Note: CPS and charter parents must submit an application to use fall scores for selective enrollment (SE) admissions.	http://www.nwea.org/products-services/assessments/map%C2%AE OAE site for applying to use the fall test in SE admissions: http://www.cpssoae.org fg
	NWEA MAP private school	NA— student choice	Saturdays between 9/6/14 to 10/4/15	45-60 minutes per test	Reading, Math	4 th – 8 th grade	All private school students applying to selective school and programs MUST take the NWEA MAP through the CPS process.	Apply online: http://www.cpssoae.org fg

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3-8	PARCC	ISBE	Performance Based component (PBA): 3/9/15 to 4/2/15 End of Year component (EOY): 4/27/15 to 5/22/15	PBA: TBD EOY: TBD	Reading, Writing and Math	All grade 3-8 students who do not take DLM (formerly IAA). First year in US students also exempt.	Measures student progress toward new IL Common Core learning standards. <i>Decisions on PARCC policy, scheduling and paper options are still being determined by ISBE.</i>	http://isbe.net/assessment/parcc.htm
	Gifted, Selective Enrollment	NA— student choice	Variable by grade; call 773-553-2060 or visit www.cpssoae.org	Varies by grade	Reading, Language Arts, Math	Any students in grades K-7, by choice	Determines eligibility for various high school programs and/or for selective enrollment elementary and high school applications.	http://www.cpssoae.org
High School Assessments								
9-12	PARCC	ISBE	Performance Based component (PBA): 3/9/15 to 4/2/15 End of Year component (EOY): 4/27/15 to 5/22/15	PBA: TBD EOY: TBD	Reading, Writing and Math	All students in English III and/or Algebra II/Trig (or equivalent) courses.	Measures student progress toward new IL Common Core learning standards. NOTE: PARCC for English III, Algebra II/Trig is proposed as required for graduation. We anticipate waivers will be available for seniors who did not take PSAE and will not be taking English III or Algebra II. <i>Decisions on PARCC policy, scheduling and paper options are still being determined by ISBE.</i>	http://isbe.net/assessment/parcc.htm
	EXPLORE, PLAN, ACT	CPS	9/8/14 to 9/19/14 (REQUIRED for 9-10 students missing SY14 EOY scores) 12/1/14 to 12/12/14 (Optional by school) 3/3/15 ACT + Writing Make up ACT: 3/17/15 3/4/15 Workkeys (Optional) Make up Workkeys: 3/18/15 5/26/15 to 6/5/15 EXPLORE and PLAN	3 hours	Reading, Math, Science, English	All students in grades 9-11	Measures baseline and growth information for skills assessed on the ACT. Part of teacher and principal evaluation (growth only) and school accountability. <i>Decisions on the opt-in process for students or schools for Workkeys on March 4 are still being determined by ISBE.</i>	http://www.act.org/xplorestudent/tests/index.html and http://www.act.org/planstudent/index.html

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	AP Exams	NA— student choice	5/4/15 to 5/15/15	Varies	Varies	Students enrolled in AP courses, by choice	Measures learning in AP courses and with a qualifying score, students are eligible to receive college credit.	http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/Controllert.jspf
	IB Exams	NA— student choice	Varies	Varies	Varies	Students enrolled in IB Programme, by choice	Measures learning in IB courses and with a qualifying score, students are eligible to receive college credit.	
	COMPASS	NA— student choice	Varies	Untimed	Reading, Math, Writing	Students in grades 11-12, by choice	Measures college-ready skills and used by community and other colleges to determine course placement.	http://www.act.org/pro ducts/higher-education-act-compass/
	STAR	CPS	9/8/14 to 10/3/14 1/20/15 to 2/13/15 5/4/15 to 5/29/15	10-20 minutes	Reading, Math	Students in Alternative Schools and Programs only	Measures baseline and growth information to guide instruction. Part of teacher and principal evaluation (growth only) and school accountability.	
Other Required Assessments								
Across PK-12	REACH Performance Tasks	CPS	9/15/14 to 10/17/14 (required) 5/11/15 to 6/12/15 (required)	40-60 minutes per task	All core and non-core subjects	All PK-12 students are eligible—teacher discretion over assessed classes	Measures common baseline and growth information on activity-based skills not easily assessed with traditional multiple choice tests. Results used in teacher evaluation.	http://cps.edu/Pages/re achstudents.aspx
	Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	ISBE	TBD by ISBE	Varies-individual	Reading, Math	Students 3-8, 11 who do not take PARCC	Measures student for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.	http://www.isbe.state.il .us/assessment/iaa.htm
	ACCESS	ISBE	K-8: 1/20/15 to 2/20/15 9-12: 1/26/15 to 2/27/15 (required)	3 hours	English language proficiency	K-12, English Language Learners only	Measures English language development for students across Illinois.	http://www.isbe.state.il .us/bilingual/htmls/acces s.htm
	NAEP	ISBE, US Dept. of Education	1/26/15 to 3/6/15	90 minutes	Reading, Math, Science	Sample of students in grades 4, 8, 12 in selected schools	The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) provides data on student achievement at the state and district level.	http://www.isbe.state.il .us/assessment/naep.htm