

MILWAUKEE MATH AND SCIENCE ACADEMY
STUDENT ASSESSMENTS
STANDARDIZED TESTS

Each year, MMSA students take a variety of assessments. Some assessments are meant to track learning and help teachers adjust their lessons while other assessments are meant to test whether students have mastered the content at their grade level.

● **Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA)**

NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) are state-aligned computerized adaptive assessments that provide accurate, useful information about student achievement and growth. The reading and math test is administered in September, January and May to all K5-8th grade students. Students in 3rd-8th grade all take the science and language arts test in September and January. Results are shared with families during Parent/Teacher conferences after the fall and winter test. The results for the spring test are mailed with final report cards.

https://www.nwea.org/resource-center/fact-sheet/47013/family-guide-to-map-growth_NWEA_on_esheet.pdf/

● **STAR Early Literacy**

Students in K4-2nd grade take this assessment in September, January and May. This assessment measures students' understanding of the alphabetic principal and print concepts, as well as their ability to identify and discriminate between letters (visual discrimination). Results are shared with families during Parent/Teacher conferences after the fall and winter test. The results for the spring test are mailed with final report cards.

<https://www.renaissance.com/resources/family-resources/>

● **Forward Exam**

The Forward Exam is a standardized test given to all 3rd-8th grade students in the state of Wisconsin. Students in grades 3-8 will take an ELA and Math assessment in the spring of each year. Students in grades 4 and 8 will also take a science and social studies exam in the spring. The results for this test will be shared with parents during the Fall Parent/Teacher conference or mailed home for students that no longer attend MMSA.

<https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/parent-info>

● **STAR Math-** Students in K5-8th grade take a Math assessment monthly to monitor their progress in this content area. These results are shared with parents during Parent/Teacher conferences in the fall, winter and spring.

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