

Parnassus Preparatory School

2017 – 2018 Testing Information & Calendar

Parnassus administers the following standardized assessments:

Nationally Normed-Assessments

NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Tests – Given in the fall and spring to scholars in levels 1G – 4L, the NWEA MAP test is a nationally-normed battery of assessments that measure students' growth and proficiency in mathematics and reading/ELA skills against their peers nationwide. The tests are administered online and take approximately 1 hour to complete. This assessment is administered as part of our contract with our authorizer.

State/Federal Accountability Assessments

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) – The MCAs are the required state accountability assessments taken by all Minnesota public school students each spring. The assessments are administered in reading to levels 3G – 4L and 2R, in mathematics to levels 3G – 4L and 3R, and in science to scholars in 1L, 4L, and School of Rhetoric students taking their biology course. These tests are untimed and given online.

College Readiness & College Entrance Examinations

ACT Aspire – Given in the winter to scholars in 1R and 2R, the ACT Aspire is a college readiness measure that also offers students an opportunity to practice for the ACT college entrance exam. This timed exam is given on paper and takes approximately three hours to complete. *Please note that the ACT aspire does not include the writing portion of the test.*

ACT plus Writing – Parnassus offers all 3R scholars the chance to take the ACT plus Writing during the school day to use for their college applications. The cost of testing is subsidized by Parnassus. This timed test lasts approximately 3.5 hours and is administered on paper. The test is administered in April during the school day. Other fee-based testing opportunities are available in the fall and winter.

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams – Scholars enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) course may elect to take the associated AP exam. AP exams are paper-based and administered according to the schedule set by the College Board each May.

PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test - The PSAT/NMSQT is the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. PSAT scores are used to identify National Merit Scholars and award merit scholarships. More than 3.4 million high school students (mostly juniors and sophomores) take this nationwide, multiple-choice test every year. This exam is administered on paper each October to 3R students wishing to participate in the National Merit Scholarship Search. The exam takes roughly three hours to complete and is administered on paper.

Classical/Foreign Language Exams

National Latin Exam – Scholars in the SOL and SOR who are enrolled in a Latin class take the National Latin Exam, offered in partnership with the National Junior Classical League. The test covers general knowledge of Latin grammar and vocabulary, mythology, Roman culture, derivatives, and translation abilities. The basic purposes of the NLE are to promote the study of Latin and to encourage the pursuit of Latin at the college and graduate level through merit-based scholarships. This exam is given on paper and has a time limit of 45 minutes.

National Greek Exam – 2R scholars enrolled in the CIS: Introduction to Greek course take the National Greek Exam: Beginning Attic Greek. Offered in partnership with the American Classical League, the NGE provides an opportunity to test students of all ability levels from across the nation against one another, along with the benefit of a scholarship opportunity, much like the more familiar National Latin Exam. This exam is given on paper and has a time limit of 45 minutes.

September 2017

- 05 Fall NWEA MAP Testing Window Begins Today
- 05 MAP Testing: 1L & 2L Reading
- 06 MAP Testing: 3L & 4L Reading
- 07 MAP Testing: 1G Reading & 2G Math
- 08 Makeup & Small Group MAP Testing
- 11 MAP Testing: 3G Reading & 4G Math
- 12 MAP Testing: 1L & 2L Math
- 13 MAP Testing: 3L & 4L Math
- 14 MAP Testing: 2G Reading & 1G Math
- 15 Makeup & Small Group MAP Testing
- 18 MAP Testing: 4G Reading & 3G Math
- 19 Makeup & Small Group MAP Testing
- 20 Makeup & Small Group MAP Testing
- 21 Fall NWEA MAP Testing Window Ends Today

October 2017

- 11 PSAT/National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test for all 3R Scholars
- 28 ACT plus Writing - NUMATS and interested students in 4L and up

November 2017

- 15 ACT Aspire for 1R & 2R Scholars

January 2018

- 29 ACCESS for ELLs testing window begins today

February 2018

- 10 ACT plus Writing, 8:00am - NUMATS and interested students in 4L and up
- 23 National Greek Exam – 2R

March 2018

- 05 MCA testing window begins today for Reading, Math, & Science
- 07 National Latin Exam, 1L – 4L, 1R, 3R-4R at 8:00am – Special Schedule
- 15 AP Exam Order Forms and \$15 Deposit (Per Exam) Due Today
- 10 PSAT 10 - Optional for 2R students
- 23 ACCESS for ELLs testing window ends today

April 2018

- 03 ACT plus Writing for 3R scholars ONLY
- 04 2R Reading MCA & 3R Math MCA
- 05 1L Math MCA
- 06 Makeup and Small Group Testing for Math MCAs
- 09 Makeup and Small Group Testing for Math MCAs
- 10 2L Math MCA
- 11 3L Math MCA
- 12 Final Balance Payment Due for All AP Exams
- 12 4L Math MCA
- 13 Makeup and Small Group Testing for Math MCAs
- 16 Makeup and Small Group Testing for Math MCAs
- 17 3G Math MCA
- 18 4G Math MCA
- 19 2R Reading MCA
- 20 4G Reading MCAs
- 23 4L Reading MCA
- 24 2L Reading MCA
- 25 3L Reading MCA
- 26 1L Reading MCA
- 27 3G Reading MCAs
- 30 Makeup and Small Group Testing for Reading MCAs

May 2018

- 01 Makeup and Small Group Testing for all MCA tests
- 02 Makeup and Small Group Testing for all MCA tests
- 03 Makeup and Small Group Testing for all MCA tests
- 04 School of Rhetoric - High School Science MCA for all biology students
- 04 MCA Reading & Mathematics test window ends today
- 07 AP Pre-Administration Session, MANDATORY for all students registered for an AP Exam
- 08 1L Science MCA
- 09 4L Science MCA
- 10 Makeup and Small Group Testing for Science MCA tests
- 10 AP Environmental Science Exam, 12:00pm
- 11 Spring NWEA MAP testing window begins today
- 11 MAP Testing: 1G Reading
- 11 MCA Science test window ends today
- 11 AP Computer Science Principles Exam, 12:00pm
- 12 MAP Testing: 2G Reading
- 14 MAP Testing: 4G Reading
- 14 MAP Testing: 3G Math
- 15 MAP Testing: Makeup and Small Group Testing
- 14 AP Biology Exam, 8:00am
- 15 AP Calculus AB Exam, 8:00am
- 16 MAP Testing: 1L & 2L Math
- 17 MAP Testing: 3L & 4L Math
- 17 AP World History Exam, 8:00am
- 17 AP Statistics Exam, 12:00pm
- 18 AP Human Geography Exam, 12:00pm
- 18 MAP Testing: 2G Reading & 1G Math
- 21 MAP Testing: 3G Reading & 4G Math
- 22 MAP Testing: 3L & 4L Reading
- 23 MAP Testing: 1L & 2L Reading

June

- 02 Spring NWEA MAP Testing Window Ends Today