

2020 – 2021 Assessment Dates

Parnassus Preparatory School

****PLEASE NOTE: For the 2020-2021 school year, assessment dates are subject to change depending on the learning model in place****

Parnassus administers the following standardized assessments:

MCAs:

Provider: Pearson via Minnesota Department of Education

Purpose: Accountability; School Improvement, Career & College Readiness

Subjects/Topics Assessed: Reading (3G-4L; 2R); Mathematics (3G-4L; 3R); Science (1L, 4L, SOR Biology)

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.

We are currently awaiting information from MDE as to how assessments will work for scholars in full-time distance learning.

Test Duration: Reading – 2.5-3.5 Hours; Math – 1.5 – 2.5 Hours; Science – 2 Hours

Test Window: March 8th – May 7th, 2021.

Test Dates (By Grade Level):

3G:

Reading – April 22nd, 2021 at 8:00am & April 24th, 2021 at 8:00am
Math – April 14th, 2021 at 1:00pm & April 15th, 2021 at 1:00pm

4G:
Reading – April 17th, 2021 at 9:00am & April 22nd, 2021 at 1:00pm
Math – April 13th, 2021 at 1:00pm & April 17th, 2021 at 10:15am

1L:

Reading – April 6th, 2021 at 1:00pm & April 21st, 2021 at 8:00am
Math – April 8th, 2021 at 10:15am & April 16th, 2021 at 8:00am

2L:

Reading – April 21st, 2021 at 1:00pm & April 24th, 2021 at 8:00am

Math – April 15th, 2021 at 9:00am

3L:

Reading – April 20th, 2021 at 1:00pm
Math – April 14th, 2021 at 8:00am

4L:

Reading – April 20th, 2021 at 9:00am & April 22nd, 2021 at 10:15am
Math – April 13th, 2021 at 8:00am

2R:

Reading – April 1st, 2021 at 1:00pm

3R:

Math – April 1st, 2021 at 8:00am

SOR Biology Students:

Science MCA – April 2nd, 2021

**Please note: If your child is absent during testing, or receives individualized test accommodations, he or she may test on a different date than the rest of her grade level.*

Results Reporting: Individual student reports will be mailed home to families in September 2021 and placed in students' cumulative folders.

ACCESS for ELL:

Provider: WIDA via Minnesota Department of Education

Purpose: Accountability, Instructional Planning, Program Participation & Placement

The ACCESS for ELL tests are designed to measure EL students' progress towards English proficiency across four domains: reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

Test Duration: Prima/Kindergarten – 45 minutes; 1G – 4R (1st-12th) – 2.5 Hours

Test Window: January 25th through March 19th, 2021

All students will be tested individually; please contact your child's EL teacher for his or her specific test time.

Results Reporting: Individual student reports will be mailed home to families and placed in students' cumulative folders.

Prima/Kindergarten:

Group A – January 26th, 2021

Group B: January 28th, 2021

Group C: January 29th, 2021

Group D: February 1st, 2021

Makeup: February 25th, 2021

2G/2nd Grade:

Listening: February 8th, 2021

Speaking: February 9th, 2021

Reading: February 11th, 2021

Writing: February 16th, 2021

Makeup: February 26th, 2021

1G/1st Grade:

Listening: February 1st, 2021

Speaking: February 2nd, 2021

Reading: February 4th, 2021

Writing: February 5th, 2021

Makeup: February 26th, 2021

3G/3rd Grade & 4G/4th Grade:

Listening: February 18th, 2021

Speaking: February 19th, 2021

Reading: February 22nd, 2021

Writing: February 23rd, 2021

Makeup: March 1st, 2021

1L – 4R (5th – 12th Grade):

Listening: January 25th

Reading: January 26th

Speaking: January 28th

Writing: January 29th

Makeup: March 1st, 2021

SAT10s:

Provider: Pearson Assessments

Purpose: School Improvement, Instructional Planning

The Stanford Achievement Test (SAT10) is a standardized test designed by Pearson to measure the academic progress of students from kindergarten to grade 12. This nationally-normed assessment is administered in 2G – 4L.

Test Duration: 5.5 Hours Cumulative

Test Window: October 28, 2020 – November 4, 2020

	Wednesday, 10/28	Thursday, 10/29	Friday, 10/30
Hybrid Scholars		Z Group – Reading (AM) Science & Social Science (PM)	Z Group – Math (AM) Language & Listening (PM)
Distance Learners	Drop off Test Materials to Distance Learners		Distance Learners- Reading

	Monday, 11/2	Tuesday, 11/3	Wednesday, 11/4	Thursday, 11/5	Friday 11/6
Hybrid Scholars	A Group – Reading (AM) Science & Social Science (PM)	A Group – Math (AM) Language & Listening (PM)		Z Group – Makeup Testing	Z Group – Makeup Testing
Distance	Distance Learners- Math		Distance Learners – Makeup sessions for Reading and Math	Distance Learners– Language, Science, & Social Science	Distance Learners – Makeup sessions for Language, Science, and Social Science

	Monday, 11/9	Tuesday, 11/10	Wednesday, 11/4
Hybrid Scholars	A Group – Makeup Testing	A Group – Makeup Testing	
Distance Learners	Distance Learners- Makeup testing sessions	Distance Learners- Makeup testing sessions	Pick Up Test Materials from Distance Learners

Results Reporting: Individual student reports will be sent home in students' Quarter II/Semester I report card envelopes and placed in students' cumulative folders.

National Latin Exam

Provider: National Junior Classical League

Purpose: Instructional Planning, Recognition

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.

Test Duration: 45 minutes

Test Date: February 23rd, 2021

Results Reporting: Student receive results at awards ceremony in May.

National Greek Exam

Provider: American Classical League

Purpose: Instructional Planning, Recognition

SOR scholars enrolled in a Greek course take the National Greek Exam. 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.

Test Duration: 45 minutes

Test Date: February 18th, 2021

Results Reporting: Student receive results at awards ceremony in May.

ACT Aspire:

Provider: ACT, Inc.

Purpose: School Improvement, Instructional Planning, College & Career Readiness

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.*

Test Duration: 3 Hours

Test Date: February 16th, 2021

ACT:

Provider: ACT, Inc.

Purpose: School Improvement, Instructional Planning, College & Career Readiness

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.

Test Duration: 3.5 Hours

Test Dates: October 6th, 2020; April 13th, 2020

Results Reporting: Reports are mailed to students within 6-8 weeks of administration.

PSAT:

Provider: College Board & National Merit Scholarship Corporation

Purpose: Instructional Planning, College & Career Readiness, Recognition

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. The PSAT 10 is offered in the spring to 2R students who would like to prepare for the PSAT.

Test Duration: 3.5 Hours

Test Date: October 29th, 2020

Results Reporting: Reports are mailed to students within 6-8 weeks of administration.

SAT:

Provider: College Board

Purpose: School Improvement, Instructional Planning, College & Career Readiness

School of Rhetoric scholars will have an opportunity to take the SAT in the fall and spring.

Test Duration: 3.5 Hours

Test Dates: October 27th, 2020(4R only), March 18th, 2020

Results Reporting: Reports are mailed to students within 6-8 weeks of administration.

AP Tests:

Provider: College Board

Purpose: Instructional Planning, College & Career Readiness, Recognition

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.

Test Duration: 2.5 – 3 Hours

Test Dates:

Calculus AB & BC: May 4th, 2021 (AM)

Human Geography: May 4th, 2021 (PM)

Physics I: May 5th, 2021 (PM)

United States History: May 6th, 2021 (AM)

World History- Modern: May 10th, 2021 (AM)

Psychology: May 11th, 2021 (PM)

Computer Science Principles: May 13th, 2021 (AM)

Statistics: May 13th, 2021 (PM)

Biology: May 14th, 2021 (AM)

Results Reporting: Reports are mailed or available in students' online College Board accounts after July 5th, 2021.