

2023 - 2024 Assessment Dates

Parnassus Preparatory School

Parnassus administers the following standardized assessments.

State 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.

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

Test Window: April 1st – May 10th, 2024

Test Dates:

Reading MCA

April 16th - 2L, 3L, 4L, and 2R

April 18th - 3G, 4G, and 1L

Math MCA

April 9th - 2L, 3L, 4L, and 3R

April 11th - 3G, 4G, and 1L

Science MCA

April 24th - 1L, 4L, and SOR Biology

*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 2024 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: February 5th – March 22nd, 2024

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.

Nationally-Normed Assessments

SAT10s:

Provider: Pearson Education

Purpose: School Improvement, Instructional Planning

Subjects/Topics Assessed: Varies by level but includes reading, mathematics, language arts, science, and social studies.

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. These tests are commonly used in the United States to measure students' educational progress and to provide educators with insights into their students' strengths and areas that may need improvement. They are used to assess a student's understanding of grade-level content and skills, and the results can be used by educators to make instructional decisions and identify areas for further development.

Test Duration: 3.5 Hours

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

Test Dates: November 6th – 10th (ALL Students)

National Mythology Exam:

Provider: American Classical League

Purpose: Instructional Planning, Recognition

Subjects/Topics Assessed: Greek and Roman Mythology

First Level Logic (1L) students participate in the National Mythology Exam (NME)'s Pegasus Exam, which is designed for students in elementary and middle grades. The National Mythology Exams are given annually to over 9,000 students in approximately 400 schools nationally and internationally. While the exam content varies each year in accordance with a changing theme, it consistently showcases a broad range of ancient Greco-Roman mythological themes and characters that meaningfully reflect the cultural narratives of classical antiquity. The exam is administered on paper and has a time limit of 40 minutes.

Test Duration: 40 minutes

Test Date: March 6th, 2024

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

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 (NLE), 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: TBD – March 12th, 2024

Results Reporting: Students 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: March 8th, 2024

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

College Entrance Exams:

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 31st, 2023 & April 23rd, 2024

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. Beginning this year, the PSAT will be administered only ONLINE due to the end of paper-based SAT testing. The PSAT 10 is offered in the spring to 2R students who would like to prepare for the PSAT.

Test Duration: 3.5 Hours

Online Test Window: October 23rd – 27th, 2023

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

Classical Learning Test (CLT) & CLT10:

Provider: Classical Learning Test

Purpose: Instructional Planning, College & Career Readiness

Subject/Topics assessed: Verbal Reasoning, Grammar & Writing, Quantitative Reasoning

The Classical Learning Tests are designed as alternative college entrance exams that assess the typical program of instruction at a classical school. CLT's mission statement is to "reconnect knowledge and virtue by providing meaningful assessments and connections to seekers of truth, goodness, and beauty." The CLT10 is an alternative to the PSAT and is administered on paper to students in First and Second Level Rhetoric, while the CLT is an alternative to the ACT/SAT and is administered students in the Third Level Rhetoric.

Test Duration: 3 hours

Test Dates: February 6, 2024 (CLT10) & February 15, 2024 (CLT)

Results Reporting: Results are available to students electronically within 3-6 weeks of administration.

SAT:

Provider: College Board

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

Optional for 3R and 4R. School of Rhetoric scholars will have an opportunity to take the SAT in the fall and spring. The fall test will be administered on *paper*, while beginning with the spring administration, all SAT tests will be administered online.

Test Duration: 3.5 Hours

Test Dates: Fall (paper only) – October 11th, 2023; Spring (online testing window) – March 18th – 22nd, 2024

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

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams:

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: Exams will be given in May 2024 according to the dates and times listed below.

May 2024 AP Exam Dates:

6	AP Art History Exam 12:00pm Location TBD
7	AP Human Geography Exam 8:00am Location TBD
7	AP Statistics Exam 12:00pm Location TBD
9	AP Environmental Science Exam 8:00am Location TBD
9	AP Psychology Exam 12:00pm Location TBD
10	AP United States History Exam 8:00am Location TBD
13	AP Calculus AB & BC Exams 8:00am Location TBD
15	AP Computer Science Principles Exam 12:00pm Location TBD
17	AP Physics I Exam 8:00am Location TBD

Results Reporting: Reports are mailed or available in students' online College Board accounts in July of 2024.

AP Test Schedule is Available Here: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/exam-dates>