

2024 - 2025 Assessment Dates

Parnassus Preparatory School

Parnassus administers the following standardized assessments.

State-Required Assessments:

Minnesota Comprehensive 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 1 – May 9, 2025

Test Dates:

Reading MCA	Math MCA	Science MCA
April 15 – 3G, 2L, 3L & 4L	April 8 – 3G, 2L, 3L & 4L	April 23 – 1L
April 16 – 4G & 1L	April 9 – 4G & 1L	April 24 - 4L & SOR
April 17 – 2R	April 10– 3R	Biology

*Please note: If your child is absent during testing, or receives individualized test accommodations, they 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 2025 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 – 2.5 Hours

Test Window: February 3 – March 20, 2025

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.

DIBELS (via mCLASS with DIBELS 8th Edition)

Provider: Amplify

Purpose: Literacy Skills; Dyslexia Screening

The Minnesota Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act requires school districts and charters to adopt and implement a K-3 literacy screener from the list of Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Approved Literacy Screening Tools. DIBELS, approved by MDE, includes subtests to measure foundational reading skills as well as characteristics of dyslexia. In compliance with the READ Act, students in Prima through Third Level Grammar must be universally screened three times each year.

Test Duration: 2-6 minutes per student

Test Windows:

Fall: August 22-September 13, 2025 Winter: January 6 - 24, 2025 Spring: May 12 – 30, 2025

All students will be tested individually, working one-on-one with a staff member.

Results Reporting: Individual student reports will be sent home after each test window

Nationally-Normed Assessments:

Classical Learning Test (CLT) Suite:

Provider: Classical Learning Test

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

Subjects/Topics Assessed: Verbal Reasoning, Grammar & Writing, Quantitative Reasoning

Parnassus is required by contract with its authorizer, Friends of Education, to administer a nationally-normed assessment each year. The CLT suite of assessments serve as both formative assessments and indicators of college readiness. The exams emphasize critical thinking and problem solving and are specifically designed for schools that follow the classical model of education.

Students in 3G – 4L will take the CLT3-8 exams, which assess language arts and mathematics with content designed to engage students' imaginations and problem-solving skills. These tests are administered on paper during class time.

Students in 1R -2R will take the CLT10, an alternative to the PSAT, also administered on paper.

Students in 3R will take the CLT, an alternative to the ACT/SAT, also administered on paper.

Test Duration: 3 hours total (1 session for SOR students; spread over multiple sessions for SOG and SOL)

Results Reporting: Individual student reports will be sent home approximately 4 weeks after the conclusion of the test window.

Test Dates:

CLT 3-8 September 16-20, 2024	CLT 10 November 13 – 1R November 14 – 2R	CLT February 20, 2025
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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 2025 (Exact date TBD - ACL has not published 2025 test dates)

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: March 12, 2025

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 2025 (Exact date TBD - ACL has not published 2025 test dates)

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 29, 2024 & April 22, 2025

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 PSAT is only available as an online administration

Test Duration: 3.5 Hours

Test Date: October 23, 2025

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

Optional for 3R and 4R. School of Rhetoric scholars will have an opportunity to take the SAT in the fall and spring. The SAT is only available as an online administration.

Test Duration: 3.5 Hours

Test Dates: October 24, 2024 & March 18, 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 2025. The College Board has not yet published the exam schedule for 2025.