

Parnassus Preparatory School— 2025 - 2026 Assessment Dates

Parnassus administers the following standardized assessments.

State Assessments

DIBELS and Capti ReadBasix:

Provider: Amplify (mCLASS with DIBELS) and Brightworks (Capti ReadBasix)

Purpose: READ Act Compliance; Literacy Screening

Subjects/Topics Assessed: Reading

The Minnesota Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act (Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.12, subdivision 2) 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. Screening tools approved by MDE include subtests to measure foundational reading skills as well as characteristics of dyslexia. Literacy screening tools were reviewed to ensure adequate classification accuracy, reliability, validity, sample representativeness (norms), bias analysis, and ease of administration and scoring. Districts are required to screen students in grades K-3 three times annually, and students in grades 4-12 who are not reading at grade level. The resulting data facilitates data-driven decision-making, enabling the identification of students needing additional reading support and the implementation of targeted interventions.

Parnassus administers the mCLASS with DIBELS assessments to students in the School of Grammar and the Capti ReadBasix assessments to students in 4G and above who are not reading at grade level.

Test Duration: Under 10 minutes (administered one-to-one)

Test Windows: Fall Aug. 21-Sept. 13; Winter Jan. 6-Jan. 24; Spring May 12-May 30

Results Reporting: Individual student reports mailed to families within three weeks after the end of each test window.

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: March 17-May 8, 2025

Test Dates:

SOG	SOR
April 13-14: 3G Math April 15-16: 4G Math April 20-21: 3G Reading April 22-23: 4G Reading	March 17: 3R Math March 18: 2R Reading March 19: SOR Biology

SOL MCA Schedule 2026

April/May 2026

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
5	6	7	8 Group A Math Group B Math	9 Group C Math	10 Group D Math	11
12	13 Group E Math	14 Group F Math	15 Group G Math	16 Group H Math	17 Group A Math Group B Math	18
19	20 Group C Reading	21 ACT	22 Group D Reading	23	24 Group E Reading	25
26	27 Group F Reading	28 Group G Reading	29 Group H Reading	30 Group A Science Group B Science	May 1 Group G Science Group H Science	2
3	4 Make-Up Testing	5 Make-Up Testing	6 Make-Up Testing	7 Make-Up Testing	8 Make-Up Testing	

GROUP ASSIGNMENTS BY FIRST HOUR							
Group A-Lyceum	65	Group B-Agora	61	Group C-Lyceum	58	Group D- Lyceum	58
Olson 1L	33	Sager 1L	31	Weiland 2L	32	Science 2L	32
DeRosier 1L	32	Ormberg 1L	30	VanBlaricom 2L	26	Mick 2L	26
Group E- Lyceum	66	Group F- Lyceum	59	Group G- Lyceum	57	Group H- Lyceum	56
Algebra ½ 2L/3L	23	History 3L	29	Smith (Red) 4L	26	Phys Ed (Red) 4L	27
Feicht 3L	28	Rossi 3L	29	Erickson (Red) 4L	9	Zachman (Red) 4L	29
Veach 3L	15	EL 3L	1	Neimeyer (Red) 4L	22		

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 26-March 19th

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 folder

Nationally-Normed Assessments

Classic Learning Test:

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-4R 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 22-26, 2025

CLT 10 February 3, 2026 – 1R

February 4, 2026 – 2R

CLT February 19, 2026

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 11, 2026

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, 2026

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 10th, 2026

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 21, 2025 and April 21, 2026

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

Test Date: October 22, 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. All SAT tests will be administered online.

Test Duration: 3.5 Hours

Test Dates: Fall – October 1, 2025; Spring– March 2, 2026

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:

CLT 10 February 3, 2026 – 1R

February 4, 2026 – 2R

CLT February 19, 2026

Results Reporting: Results are available to students electronically within 3-6 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 2026 according to the dates and times listed below.

May 2026 AP Exam Dates:

	8:00 AM	12:00 PM
May 4, 2026	Biology	
May 5, 2026	Chemistry Human Geography	United States Government and Politics
May 6, 2026		Physics 1: Algebra-Based
May 7, 2026	Physics 2: Algebra-Based World History: Modern	African American Studies Statistics
May 8, 2026		
May 11, 2026	Calculus AB Calculus BC	
May 12, 2026		Psychology
May 13, 2026		
May 14, 2026	Art History	Computer Science Principles
May 15, 2026	Environmental Science	

Results Reporting: Reports are mailed or available in students' online College Board accounts in July of 2026.

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