Ascent Classical Academy of Douglas County
ASSESSMENT CALENDAR
2026–2027

Testing Windows and Dates	Test	Grade(s)
August - October 1 **(within 30 days of enrollment)**	WIDA Screener	K - 9
September 8 - 18 ***September 29 - October 9***	Dibels (BOY)	*1 - 3* *Kindergarten*
September 15 - 18	Classical Learning Test (CLT 3-8) Online (BOY)	3 - 8
September 16	ASVAB	12 (Opt-in)
October	Kindergarten Readiness Assessment	Kindergarten
October 6	Universal Screener for Gifted and Talented Students (CogAT)	2 & 6
October 17	National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT)	11 (Opt-in)
November 5	Classical Learning Test (CLT 10) Online	9 - 10 (Opt-in)
November 14	Classical Learning Test Online	11-12 (Opt-in)
December 7 - 9	Classical Learning Test (CLT 3-6) Online (MOY)	3 -6
January 2027	WIDA ACCESS	K - 9
January 11 - 23	Dibels (MOY)	K - 3
January 12	Classical Learning Test (CLT 7-8) Online (MOY)	7-8
April 5 - 14	CMAS ELA & Math Paper CMAS Social Studies Paper	3 & 4 4

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April 5 - 23	CMAS ELA & Math Online CMAS Science Online CMAS Social Studies Online	5 - 8 5 & 8 7
April 21 - 22	PSAT 8/9 PSAT 10	9 10
April 21 - 22	SAT	11
April 26 - May 7	Dibels (EOY) Classical Learning Test (CLT 3-8) Online (EOY)	K - 3 3 - 8

Description of Tests throughout the Year			
Test	**Date**	**Duration**	**Target Grade(s) / Purpose**
Federally Mandated:			
WIDA Screener	August - October 1 (within 30 days of enrollment)	2.5 hours	WIDA Screener is an English Language Proficiency (ELP) assessment administered to students to help identify students who are English learners (ELs).
ACCESS for ELLs	January 11 - February 12	Approximately 2.25 hours	K-12 students who have been identified as English language learners; to monitor student progress in English language proficiency (ELP) on an annual basis and to serve as a criterion to aid in determining when ELLs have attained language proficiency comparable to that of their English-proficient peers.
State Mandated:			
CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success): ELA and Math	April 5 - 14 (paper) April 5 - 23 (online)	4.5 hours	Grades 3-8; Measures student and school performance in English Language Arts and Math according to Colorado Academic Standards.
CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success): Science	April 5 - 23	1.5 hours	Grades 5, 8, and 11; CMAS measures student and school performance in Science according to Colorado Academic Standards.

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CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success): Social Studies	April 5 - 14 (paper) April 5 - 23 (online)	1.5 hours	Grades 4 and 7; CMAS measures student and school performance in Social Studies according to Colorado Academic Standards.
CogAT (Universal Screener for GT)	October, 2026	3 hours	Grades 2 & 6; used to determine eligibility for gifted and talented Alternative Learning Plans (ALPs).
Kindergarten Readiness Assessment	October, 2026	Data collected over multiple weeks.	Kindergarten; Measures basic skills that indicate readiness for school. Results used to determine if extra support is necessary.
PSAT (Preliminary Standardized Academic Test)	April 21 - 22	Approximately 2.25 hours	Grades 9 and 10; Measures reading, writing, language, and math skills. Prepares students for SAT. Helps determine eligibility for National Merit Scholarship.
SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)	April 21 - 22	Approximately 2.5 hours	Grade 11; Measures reading, writing, language, and math skills. Students may use scores to demonstrate graduation competency.
READ Act Interims (Dibels 8)	September 8 - 18 (1-3) September 29 - Oct 9 (K) January 11 - 22 (K-3) April 26 - May 7 (K-3)	8 min/student	Administered three times in a school year. Measures reading comprehension and fluency (benchmark screener) for all students grades K-3. Optional: Schools may assess new students and returning students grades 4-6 score below benchmark the previous year.
Chosen by ACA:			
ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)	September 16	3 hours	Grade 12; ASVAB is a timed multiple-choice test used by the United States military to determine enlistment eligibility and job assignments. A score of 31 or higher on the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) portion satisfies Colorado's high school graduation competency requirements for both English and math. Offered on an opt-in basis.
Classic Learning Test (CLT)	September 15 - 18 (CLT 3-8)	2.5 hours	CLT is a diagnostic and/or end-of-grade assessment designed as an aid for school administrators, teachers,

	November 5 (CLT 10) November 14 (CLT) December 7 - 8 (CLT 3-6) January 12 (CLT 7-8) April 26 - May 7 (CLT 3-8)		and parents as they help students achieve grade-level academic benchmarks. CLT 3 - 8 is administered to students in grades 3 through 8. CLT 10 is administered on an opt-in basis to students in grades 9 and 10. CLT is administered on an opt-in basis to students in grades 11 and 12
PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)	October 17	2.25 hours	Grade 11; The PSAT/NMSQT is a computer-based standardized test that measures reading, writing, and math skills while serving as the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship Program. It can also be used to practice for the SAT. Offered on an opt-in basis.

The Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools governing board has adopted Policy AP-13.0 and 13.1 concerning state assessments. Please see these policies in the Family Handbook for further detail. Summarized, all state mandated assessments are administered in paper-and-pencil format when possible. Parents or guardians may opt their children out of mandatory state assessments and the school will provide opt-out instructions. Students will not be subject to negative consequences for not taking these assessments, and the school will not engage in activities that discourage a student from taking a state assessment or that encourage parents or guardians to excuse students from testing.