

**High School Assessments**  
**(Gateway Tests, State End-of-Course Tests and District Assessments)**

- Rationale:** These assessments serve several purposes:
- To identify students’ strengths and weaknesses according to MNPS Standards.
  - To adhere to State requirements
  - To provide data concerning consistency of content between middle and high school courses.
  - To provide data requested by the MNPS Board of Education.

**Notes:** Please share this information with teachers, testing coordinators, and guidance counselors.

<b>SCIENCE ASSESSMENTS</b>							
<b>Test</b>	<b>Who is tested?</b>	<b>What is tested?</b>	<b>Calculators</b>	<b>How does it count?</b>	<b>Timed / Untimed Test</b>	<b>How is it administered?</b>	<b>Testing Dates</b>
Physical Science End-of-Course Test	All Physical Science students	State Physical Science Standards (These are the penciled MNPS Standards for Physical Science)	Calculators are ALLOWED, but NOT required.  Students’ test booklets have formulas and a periodic table.	Test counts as 60% of the FINAL EXAM grade (This is the same as 15% of the semester average.)  In high school, students may fail this exam and still pass the course	Timed	This is a State assessment that will be sent to schools from MNPS Group Testing	Dec. 3-7, 2007  May 5-9, 2008
Biology Gateway	All Biology students; any Biology Gateway Intervention students, and any student who has completed Biology, but has not passed the Biology Gateway	The 53 State Indicators (These are the penciled MNPS Standards for Biology)	Calculators are NOT allowed.	All students MUST pass this test to get a regular high school diploma.  It counts as 60% of the Final Exam grade. (This is the same as 15% of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester average.)  Students may pass the course even if they fail this exam	NOT timed; Students may take as long as they need	This is a State assessment that will be sent to schools from MNPS Group Testing	Dec. 5-6 (7), 2007  May 6-8 (9), 2008

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## MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENTS

Test	Who is tested?	What is tested?	Calculators	How does it count?	Timed/Untimed	How is it administered?	Testing Dates
Math Foundations II End-of-Course Test	All Math Foundations II students	State Standards	Allowed, but NOT required	Test counts as 60% of the FINAL EXAM grade (This is the same as 15% of the semester average.)  In High School, students may fail this exam and still pass the course	Timed (approximately 75 minutes)	From the State Department of Education	Dec. 3-7, 2007  May 5-9, 2008
Algebra I Gateway	All Algebra I students; Any Gateway Intervention students, and any student who has completed Algebra I, but has not passed the Algebra Gateway.	The 56 State Indicators (These are the penciled MNPS Standards for Algebra I)	Allowed, but NOT required	All students MUST pass this test to get a regular High School diploma. It counts as 60% of the Final Exam grade. (This is the same as 15% of the semester average.)  Students may pass the course even if they fail this exam	NOT timed; Students may take as long as they need	From the State Department of Education	Dec. 5-6 (7), 2007  May 6-8, (9), 2008
Geometry District Assessment	All Geometry students	MNPS Standards	Allowed, but NOT required	To be announced	Timed (approximately 90 minutes)	From Math Department by teachers using Edusoft scan sheets	May 2008

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## FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Tests	Who is tested?	What is tested?	How does it count?	Timed/Untimed	How is it administered?	Testing Dates
French I-II German I-II Mandarin I Russian I-II Spanish I-II	All students in level 1 & 2 FL classes	See Course Outline at MNPS.org (Teaching & Learning tab, then HS Program of Studies)*	To be announced	Proposed as an examination. 3 hours: Speaking (1 hr) Listening & Writing (1 hr) Reading (1 hr) This may be done during FL classes.	FL teachers administer the test with Edusoft scan sheets	Mar. 2008
Latin I	All students in Latin I & 2 classes.	See Course Outline at MNPS.org (Teaching & Learning tab, then HS Program of Studies)	To be announced	Timed (approximately 90 minutes)	FL teachers administer the test with Edusoft scan sheets	Mar. 2008

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French I covers Units I-V, plus clothing and ir verbs.  
 German I covers Chapters 1-8, plus past tense.  
 Latin I covers Units I-IX, Lesson 49.  
 Spanish I covers through Unit 4, Chapter 1.

French II covers through Unit 5.  
 German II covers Chapters 1-5, 7-8, and 10.  
 Latin II covers Units I-II, Lesson 26.  
 Spanish II covers through Unit 4, Chapter 1.

## English Language Arts Assessments

Test	Who is tested?	What is tested?	How does it count?	Timed /Untimed Test	How is it administered?	Testing Dates
TCAP Writing Assessment	All students enrolled in English III	Persuasive Writing	Test counts 33% of the TCAP Reading/Language Arts AYP calculation	Timed	This is a State Assessment that will be sent to schools from MNPS Group Testing	Feb. 5 (6), 2008
English I End-of-Course Test	All students Enrolled in English I	State English I Performance Indicators (These are the penciled MNPS Standards for English I.)	<p>Test counts as 60% of the FINAL EXAM grade (This is the same as 15% of the semester average.)</p> <p>In high school, students may fail this exam and still pass the course.</p> <p>Students who receive Special Education services and score proficient or higher should be placed in regular English II</p>	Timed	This is a State Assessment that will be sent to schools from MNPS Group Testing	<p>Dec. 3-7, 2007</p> <p>May 5-9, 2008</p>
English II Gateway	All students enrolled in English II; English Gateway Intervention students, and any student who has passed English II, but has not passed the English II Gateway Test	State English II Performance Indicators (These are the penciled MNPS Standards for English II.)	<p>All students MUST pass this test to get a regular High School diploma.</p> <p>It counts as 60% of the Final Exam grade. (This is the same as 15% of the semester average.)</p> <p>Students may pass the course even if they fail the Gateway test</p>	NOT timed; Students may take as long as they need	This is a State Assessment that will be sent to schools from MNPS Group Testing	<p>Dec. 5-6 (7), 2007</p> <p>May 6-8 (9), 2008</p>
District Writing Assessment	All students enrolled in English I	Persuasive Writing	District and school data are reported related to MNPS Writing Standards. This test does NOT count as a grade	Untimed	This is a District Assessment that will be sent to schools from MNPS Group Testing	Mar. 2008

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## SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENTS

Test	Who is tested?	What is tested?	How does it count?	Timed / Untimed Test	How is it administered?	Testing Dates
U.S. History End-of-Course Test	All U.S. History students including Foundations, ELL, Standard, Honors, AP and IB	State Standards (These are the penciled MNPS standards for U.S. History)	<p>Test counts as 60% of the FINAL EXAM grade. This is the same as 15% of the semester average.)</p> <p>In high school, students may fail this exam and still pass the course</p>	Timed	This is a State assessment that will be sent to schools from MNPS Group Testing	<p>Dec. 3-7, 2007</p> <p>May 5-9, 2008</p>

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