

## DHS Assessment Information

| <u>Test</u>                                      | <u>9th</u> | <u>10th</u> | <u>11th</u> | <u>12th</u> |
|--|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <a href="#">PreACT</a>                           | +          | +           |             |             |
| <a href="#">FastBridge</a>                       | +          | +           | +           | +           |
| <a href="#">Kansas Assessment Program or DLM</a> |            | +           | +           |             |
| <a href="#">ACT</a>                              |            | ^           | ^           | ^           |
| <a href="#">WorkKeys</a>                         |            |             | ^           |             |
| <a href="#">PSAT</a>                             |            | ^           | ^           |             |
| <a href="#">SAT</a>                              |            | ^           | ^           | ^           |
| <a href="#">AP</a>                               |            | ^           | ^           | ^           |

### **KEY:**

**+ - required test**

**^ - optional test**

### **Pre-ACT (Grades 9 & 10)**

PreACT simulates the ACT testing experience within a shorter test window on all four ACT test subjects: English, math, reading and science. Results predict future success on the ACT test, and provide both current achievement and projected future ACT test scores on the familiar 1-36 ACT score scale. DHS gives this free test to all 9th & 10th graders in the fall semester.

### **FastBridge (Grades 9-12)**

FastBridge (Formative Assessment System for Teachers) is a suite of assessment progress monitoring tools in reading, math and behavior designed to help educators screen, monitor student progress and analyze skills in grades 9-12. This test is taken at least twice a year - in the fall & spring.

### **Kansas Assessment Program (KAP) (Grades 10, 11)**

The Kansas Assessment Program, commonly referred to as the state assessment, includes a variety of tests aligned to Kansas' content standards, which help educators and policymakers evaluate student learning and meet the requirements for federal and state accountability. 10th graders test in

the spring on reading and math; 11th graders test in the spring on science and every-other-year in social studies.

## **Dynamic Learning Map (DLM) (Grades 10, 11)**

The DLM is guided by the core belief that all students should have access to challenging grade-level content. The DLM Alternate Assessment System will let students with significant cognitive disabilities show what they know in ways that traditional multiple-choice tests cannot. The DLM system is designed to map a student's learning throughout the year. The system will use items and tasks that are embedded in day-to-day instruction. In this way, testing happens as part of instruction, which both informs teaching and benefits students. The subjects tested are English language arts, Mathematics, Science.

## **ACT (Grades 10-12)**

The ACT is a nationally administered standardized test produced by ACT, Inc. Colleges and universities use students' scores on the ACT in the admissions process as a measure of college readiness, and, in some cases, for course placement purposes. ACT sets national test dates.

In February, the ACT is offered for free to all juniors who will take it at DHS during the school day.

## **WorkKeys (Grade 11)**

The WorkKeys is a job skills assessment. It measures hard and soft skills relevant to any occupation and consists of 3 tests: Workplace Documents - 35 items; 55 minutes, Applied Math - 34 items; 55 minutes & Graphic Literacy - 38 items; 55 minutes. This assessment is an optional assessment provided to juniors for free each February. Parents must opt their student in for this assessment.

## **College Board PSAT/NMSQT (Grades 9-11)**

The PSAT is the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. It measures critical reading, math problem solving skills, and writing skills. The test is offered for 10<sup>th</sup> graders as a practice test and for 11<sup>th</sup> graders for consideration for the National Merit Program.

By taking the PSAT/National Merit exam, students can practice for the actual SAT college entrance exam, get information from colleges by participating in the Student Search Service, and enter scholarship programs. You will also be able to use the College Board QuickStart program to access free resources and information about college and career planning. The PSAT is offered at DHS in October each year.

## **Advanced Placement (AP) Assessments (Optional, High School)**

Advanced Placement (AP) is a program created by the College Board which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. The AP curriculum for each of the various subjects is created for the College Board by a panel of experts and college-level educators in that field of study. For a high school course to have the AP designation, the course must be audited by the

College Board to ascertain that it satisfies the AP curriculum. Students may opt to take the AP examinations for various courses in May. American colleges and universities often grant placement and course credit to students who obtain high scores on the examinations which are scored using a 1-5 point system. AP Exams are given at DHS usually in the first two weeks of May; the dates are set by the College Board.