Dear Community High School District 117 Families,

We believe quality instruction must always be based on accurate data in order to systematically meet all students at their respective levels of development and encourage consistent growth. Testing is an integral aspect of this process. Our goal at CHSD117 is to strike an ideal balance between accurate assessment and quality instruction. It is our sincere hope that we strategically and intentionally use assessment for learning and we have looked to make calculated decisions on what assessments will provide us with the most crucial information in identifying and meeting the needs of all of our students.

Please refer to the CHSD117 2026-27 Assessment Calendar below. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your specific school's Principal or Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction.

Yours in Education,

Jeff Feucht, Ed.D.
District 117 Superintendent

CHSD 117 2026-27 Assessment Calendar

Grade Level/Students	Testing Date(s)	Assessment
9th Grade Students and Intervention Students	August 26 – September 11, 2026	STAR – Reading/Math
Screen for English Language Learners	August & September	WIDA Screener
Intervention Students	Progress Monitoring Throughout the School Year	STAR – Reading/Math
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All 11th Grade Students	October 7th	PSAT/NMSQT
8th Grade Students	November 4th - ACHS and LCHS	PreACT 8 Class of 2031 placement assessment
All 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Grade Students	December 16-December 18	Semester 1 Performance Tasks
11th Grade Students	January 6th	ACT Practice
All students receiving Multilingual Services	January – March	ACCESS Testing
11th Grade Students – IEP Specific	March 10 – May 1	Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)
9th Grade Students	April 14th	PreACT 9 Secure Preparing PreACT9 Secure
10th Grade Students	April 14th	PreACT 10 Secure Preparing for the PreACT Secure
11th Grade Students	April 14th	ACT Digital Free ACT Practice Tests and Prep
Students Enrolled in AP Courses	May 3 – May 14	Advanced Placement Exams Free Resources to Prepare for AP Exam
All 12th Graders Not Exempt from Senior Performance Tasks	May 11 – 12	Senior Performance Tasks
All 9th, 10th, and 11th Grade Students	May 25-May 27	Semester 2 Performance Tasks

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