

Assessments at Loup City

Assessments in Loup City Public Schools

Loup City Public Schools uses a comprehensive assessment system to provide helpful data to inform decisions that effectively impact student learning.

This includes data for:

- Evaluating the effectiveness of curriculum and instruction
- Guiding instruction and student learning
- Identifying a student's current level of learning and any additional supports that may be needed to maximize achievement
- Measuring and progress monitoring toward mastery of standards

ASSESSMENTS GRADE LEVEL AND TIMELINE

Formative Assessments – Continuous

- Given to students in Kindergarten through 12th grade
- Measures the students' educational progress to ensure that each individual is working toward mastering the Nebraska State Standards or essential learning covered.
- Examples of assessments may include tests, projects, labs, and/or presentations

Dibels 8th – Fall, Winter, & Spring

- Taken by Kindergarten through 5th grade
- Utilized to monitor the student's educational progress in the areas of reading
- Utilized for measure literacy skills to lead instructional decisions
- **Legal Requirement:** mandated by ESSA and the Nebraska Department of Education - Rule 10

American College Testing (ACT) – Spring

- Taken by 10th and 11th graders
- Statewide assessment designed to measure college readiness skills

- The test is made up of four subscores – Reading, English, Math, and Science – and the writing test.
- [NSCAS ACT](#)

PreACT – Spring

- Taken by 9th and 10th graders
- Designed to measure college readiness skills
- Scores can be utilized to predict how a student will perform when taking the ACT as an 11th grader.
- The test is made up of four subscores – Reading, English, Math, and Science.

MAP – Fall, Winter, & Spring

- Kindergarten through 11th grade
- Measures student achievement and growth in the areas of English, Reading, Math, and Science
- Teachers use the data to progress monitor over time.
- [NWEA-MAP Growth](#)

Nebraska Student-Center Assessment System (NSCAS) – Spring

- Taken by 5th and 8th graders in Science
- Taken by 3rd through 8th in English and Math
- State-wide assessment that measures student mastery of grade-level standards and inform school accountability.
- [NSCAS Overview](#)
- [NSCAS Growth](#)

ELPA 21 – Spring

- Taken by Kindergarten through 12th English Language Learners
- Composes of an initial screener and summative assessments
- Statewide assessment that measures progress toward English Proficiency in the areas of listening, reading, speaking, and writing
- [NDE – ELPA21](#)

SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

- [5012 – Testing and Assessment Program](#)

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding assessments, please reach out to your building principal and/or Superintendent. The District Assessment Coordinator is Micah Fisher. Mr. Fisher can be reached at micah.fisher@lcpublic.org or 308-745-0120 if you have any specific questions.