

**Montgomery County Public Schools Assessments**  
**Grades 6-8**  
**2018 - 2019**

**LITERACY ASSESSMENTS**

Grade Level	Assessment Title (Subject Area)	Purpose of the Assessment What does it assess?	Local, State or National	Evidence of Learning Assessment?	Required/Optional	Testing Window	Test Mode	Time Required for Administration
6-8	<b>Measures of Academic Progress Growth for Reading (MAP-R)</b>	Grade level benchmark assessment used to measure growth in reading content standards; One of multiple data points for adjusting instruction to a child's need.	Local External	Yes	Required	Sep 11–Nov 2 Jan 2 – Feb 22 Apr 3 – Jun 1	Online	Grade 6 - 60 minutes, 3x a year  Grade 7 & 8 – 60 minutes, 2x a year
6-8	<b>MCPS Progress Checks in English</b>	Assessment of comprehension of the literacy curriculum including skills in writing either an analysis or argument in response to one or more grade-level texts.	Local Internal	Yes	Required	Once per semester	Online	90 minutes, 2x a year
	<b>Common Writing Tasks in English</b>	Literacy writing task as part of an instructional unit, typically as a multi-paragraph written composition. It involves feedback from the teacher and revision before final submission.	Local Internal	Yes	Required	Once per semester	Paper, pilot online	Embedded in curriculum, 2x a year
	<b>ESOL Progress Check</b>	Assessment of comprehension of the literacy curriculum including skills in writing either an analysis or argument in response to one or more grade-level texts (specifically for ESOL students).	Local Internal	Yes	Required	Once per quarter	Online	45 minutes, 4x a year
6-8	<b>English Language Proficiency Assessments (ELPA) Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State to State (ACCESS) for English Language Learners (ELLs)</b>	Summative assessment to monitor students' progress toward obtainment of English language proficiency in reading, listening, writing, and speaking domains.	State External	Yes	Required	Jan 7–Feb 8 makeups until Feb 22	Online	Reading – 35 min Listening – 40 minutes Writing – 45-60 minutes Speaking – 30 minutes

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6-8	<b>Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment</b>	Required state assessment of mastery of grade level literacy content.	State External	Yes	Required	Apr 23–Jun 7	Online	ELA – 270 minutes grades 6-8
6-8	<b>Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) Reading</b>	Required state assessment of mastery of grade level alternate literacy learning outcomes.	State External	Yes	Required	Mar 18-May 3	Online	ELA – up to 3 hrs.
<b>MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENTS</b>								
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6-8	<b>Measures of Academic Progress Growth for Mathematics (MAP-M)</b>	Grade level benchmark assessment used to measure growth in mathematics content standards; One of multiple data points for adjusting instruction to a child's need.	Local External	Yes	Required, some windows optional	Sep 11–Nov 2 Jan 2–Feb 22 Apr 4–June 7	Online	45 minutes, 3x a year
6-8	<b>MCPS Progress Checks in Mathematics</b> (Mathematics 6-8, Investigations in Mathematics (IM), Algebra 1)	District created assessments aligned to the curriculum. Assess critical areas of learning within current instruction, covering multiple standards.	Local Internal	Yes	Required	Once per <i>quarter</i>	Online	45 minutes, 4x a year
6-8	<b>Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) Mathematics Assessment</b> (Students enrolled in mathematics 6-8, Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II)	Required state assessment of mastery of grade level math content. Students taking the Algebra 1 must pass the assessment in order to graduate from a Maryland high school.	State External	Yes	Required	Apr 23–Jun 7	Online	Math – 240 minutes (Grades 3 to 8) Math – 270 minutes (Alg, Geo, and Alg II)
6-8	<b>Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) Mathematics</b>	Required state assessment of mastery of grade level alternate math learning outcomes.	State External	Yes	Required	Mar 18-May 3	Online	Math – up to 3 hrs.

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**OTHER ASSESSMENTS**

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8	<b>Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA)</b>	Summative assessment used to monitor students' progress toward obtainment of state and national standards.	State External	No	Required	Mar 11-29	Online	240 minutes
	<b>OR</b>							
8	<b>Alternate Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (Alt-MISA)</b>	Summative assessment used to monitor students' progress toward obtainment of alternate state and national standards.	State External	No	Required	Mar11-May 10	Online	45-135 minutes

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