

Standardized Testing

The students at North Border High School-Pembina take a variety of standardized tests throughout their high school careers. These tests vary in type and scope; some measure your child's interests related to a future career, while others measure present knowledge and comprehension.

The battery of tests includes:

The North Dakota State Assessment/CTB - grades 7, 8, & 11 (Oct. 20-Nov. 7)

Areas tested- Math, Reading, Language Usage and Science

Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA)—grades 7, 8, 9 & 10 (Sept/Oct & May)

Areas tested-Math, Reading, Language Usage and Science

ASVAB grade 11 (November)

PSAT grade 11 (October)

Plan Test grade (November)

North Dakota State Assessment

Key features of the North Dakota State Assessment (NDSA) are described below:

- Is required of all public and BIE schools; non-public schools may Participate without cost.
- Assesses grades 3 – 8 and 11
- Is aligned to state content standards
(See <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/standard/content.shtm>)
- Utilizes multiple choice, short answer, and essay items
- Assesses reading/language arts, mathematics, and science, although only reading and mathematics are considered when determining Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). The NDSA assesses science for grades 4, 8 and 11 only
- Assesses achievement of the previous year's standards. For example, students in grade 3 in the fall are assessed on their achievement of grade 2 standards
- Is administered in the fall only.
- Students who are entitled to use accommodations during testing include those with disabilities who are eligible under IDEA, those who have limited English proficiency, and students who are on a Section 504 plan

Northwest Evaluation Association Testing (NWEA)

Key features of the Northwest Evaluation Association tests are described below:

- Is required of all North Border Public Schools students
- Assesses grades 2-10
- Is aligned with state content standards
- Utilizes multiple choice responses
- Assesses reading, language arts, mathematics and science

ASVAB

Key features of the ASVAB tests are described below:

- ASVAB is one of the most widely used and highly regarded Career exploration programs in the United States and is utilized by over 60% of the nation's high schools
- The ASVAB test is given in the student's junior year
- ASVAB scores are reported as percentile scores, which show the students how they compare with others at their grade level.
- It is offered free of charge to all public and private schools
- The program offers the students to use the information they have learned about their skills and interest to help them explore close to 500 occupations.
- ASVAB scores evaluate a student's knowledge in three general areas:
Verbal, Math and Science and Technical Skills
- The ASVAB is an aptitude test

PSAT

Key features of the PSAT tests are described below:

- Approximately 3.5 million students take the PSAT test every year. Nearly all the students who take the test indicate they plan to attend college
- PSAT measures three basic academic areas:
 - **Critical Reading:** questions students' ability to draw inferences, synthesize information, understand vocabulary, and distinguish between main and supporting ideas.
 - **Mathematic problem-solving:** Deals with number operations, algebra, geometry, measurement, data analysis, statistics, and probability
 - **Writing Skills:** Identify appropriate expressions, detect faults in usage and structure, choose effective revisions to sentences and paragraphs, and recognize appropriate writing strategies.
- The questions on the PSAT test are designed to be the same as those on the SAT. This is to help any students preparing to take the SAT test 6-7 months later.
- The PSAT is designed to:
 - **Develop skills through rigorous academic courses**
 - **Extensive, quality outside reading and writing**
 - **Develop problem-solving skills**
- Students pay a small fee to take the PSAT test

Plan Test

Key features of the Plan tests are described below:

- The Plan Test is designed to show strengths and weaknesses in four subject areas: **English, Math, Reading, and Science.**
- Plan Test and ACT cover the same subject area.
- The Plan Test is designed for tenth graders.
- Within a range the Plan Test (estimate) is used to predict how well you will do on the ACT test.
- The Plan Test helps in measuring readiness for College
- The Plan Test compares to both national scores and scores of students whom plan on going to college