

# A guide to assessment in Garden County

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## Assessment Timeline

Assessment	Time Given	Grade Levels
NWEA (Maps)	Fall, Spring (varies per grade)	K-11
NSCAS (Math, ELA, Science)	Spring	3-8, Science 5, 8
STARS	Fall, Winter, Spring	1-12
ACT, ASVAB, Accuplacer, PSAT	Ongoing, PSAT October	11, Accuplacer 11-12
DIBELS (Reading, Math)	Fall, Winter, Spring	Reading K-9, Math K-6

### Assessments tell us:

- what students need to know
- when they know it
- what to do when they don't

## District Assessments



### Criterion-Referenced-

- NSCAS (Math, ELA, Science)
- Teacher-developed
- Measures student performance on state standards



### Norm-Referenced-

- NWEA (Maps), STARS
- Measures students' performance to other students at the same grade
- Shows student growth



### Nationwide -

- National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
- ACT, PSAT, ASVAB, PLAN, Accuplacer, PSAT, DIBELS
- Measures students' instructional reading and math levels

## Academic indicators of progress...

The Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) summative assessments are developed specifically for Nebraska to provide educators, students, and parent/guardians with an assessment of student progress on the Nebraska College and Career Ready Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics and the Nebraska Legacy Standards in Science.

English Language Arts & Math (Grades 3-8) are based on the Nebraska College and Career Ready Standards. Achievement levels are  $\pi$  Developing, On Track, and College and Career Ready Benchmark (CCR Benchmark).  $\pi$

Science (Grades 5 & 8) are based on Nebraska Legacy Standards until 2020 and based on the Nebraska College and Career Ready Standards starting in 2021. Achievement levels are Below the Standards, Meets the Standards, and Exceeds the Standards.



### Additional Resources

US Department of Education

[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

Nebraska Department of Education

[www.education.ne.gov](http://www.education.ne.gov)



# AQUESTT

for Nebraska

The Nebraska Educational Profile features AQuESTT classifications for schools and districts, school and district snapshots, and full data profiles that provide a deeper information dive on all ESSA-required components and other data elements.



