



MONTANA COMMUNITY CHOICE SCHOOLS

Pre-Approved Standardized Assessments

Below are the standardized assessments the Commission has pre-approved for use in Community Choice Schools. More information on each assessment can be found under the Resources tab of the Community Choice Schools website (<https://bpe.mt.gov/COMMISSION-RESOURCES>). Due diligence should be conducted in selecting an assessment that best matches the Choice School's instructional model and standards. In the event an applicant desires to propose the use of a standardized assessment not on this list, the applicant must submit the Application for Founder Proposed Assessment found in Appendix G of the Proposed School Application.

The Northwest Education Association Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA MAP) is a norm-referenced assessment with a large national sample, stable scaled scores, and well documented growth measures, including conditional growth percentiles. It includes detailed technical documentation and is widely used for accountability purposes.

- Assessment solutions for grades K-12
- There are limitations in grades 9-12 with the growth measures

The iReady Diagnostic is a criterion-referenced assessment that provides detailed information about student skill development. It measures performance against grade level standards, includes a growth component, and aligns closely with instructional planning resources.

- Assessment solutions for grades 3-8

The Montana Aligned Standards Test (MAST) is the state summative assessment. It provides criterion-referenced proficiency determinations aligned to Montana standards and is required for state and federal accountability. At this time, MAST does not support growth reporting until additional longitudinal data are available.

- Assessment solutions for grades 3-8

The American College Test (ACT) is an assessment that Montana uses as part of their comprehensive assessment system. Students take the assessment in 11th grade. The ACT, together with the preACT, provides valid and reliable measures of student proficiency, growth and postsecondary readiness. It's important to note that in order for the ACT to provide a measure of growth students must take the assessment more than once.

- Assessment solutions for grades 8-11
- preACT can be taken in 8th-10th grade
- ACT for grade 11