

**Skills Assessments for Incoming Freshmen  
for Mathematics, International Languages, and Visual & Performing Arts  
Maggie L. Walker Governor's School**

Skills Assessment Day Fast Facts:

Sat, March 22, 2025

Check in at 8:30 AM; Testing begins at 9:00 AM

At MLWGS: 1000 N. Lombardy St., Richmond

*Mathematics*

*French*

*Latin*

*Spanish*

Please bring a digital or print copy of your *current* academic schedule.

***If you are unable to attend, please reach out to Ms. Ndayizigiye at [kndayizigiye@gsgis.k12.va.us](mailto:kndayizigiye@gsgis.k12.va.us).***

Congratulations on your acceptance to the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School! We are confident that you will find your experience as a Green Dragon immensely rewarding.

We understand that the amount of information in this packet may seem a bit overwhelming. However, the enclosed documents contain critical information regarding skills assessments for math, international languages, visual arts, and orchestra. It is imperative that you carefully read the information to determine what is relevant to you. Skills assessments for mathematics and international languages will take place in person on Saturday, March 22nd (See details below). Orchestra and Visual arts skills assessment are virtual by email. The details are provided below. The deadlines for submission of any auditions or portfolios are: Saturday, April 19th for Orchestra, and Saturday, May 24th for Visual Arts.

As a Green Dragon, you are expected to demonstrate the principle of honor. In this case, it means that you may not receive help on the skills assessments. Your performance should reflect your knowledge and demonstrate your skills. The results of the assessments will ensure that you are placed in the course(s) that will offer you the greatest opportunity for success.

For those with any questions or who are unable to attend the March 22nd date, please reach out to Ms. Kelly Ndayizigiye ([kndayizigiye@gsgis.k12.va](mailto:kndayizigiye@gsgis.k12.va)) to reschedule for the make-up date on April 8th at 4pm.

Again, we realize we have provided you with a lot of information to read, but this is a critical part of the process.

Best wishes on your journey as a Green Dragon!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Connie Hill

Mr. Michael White

Coach Jeff Hall

Chair, Mathematics Department

Chair, Department of International Languages

Chair, Visual & Performing Arts

Below are the details of the Mathematics, Languages, and Arts assessments.

### Mathematics

**All incoming freshmen will complete the mathematics skills assessment specific to the course they wish to register for in the Fall.**

With students entering Maggie Walker from 14 divisions, these tests will provide us with useful information for differentiated instruction and appropriate class placement for students. Beginning at the Algebra 2 level, we offer Honors and Plus level classes. The majority of our incoming students will be enrolled in our Honors classes. The Plus level classes are for the students who are advanced mathematically and have a passion for mathematics. These classes are taught at a faster pace, with deeper analysis and extensions. Students are expected to master the material quickly. Please refer to the chart below for more details.

<b>Honors</b>	<b>Honors Plus</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Reviews</u> previous concepts</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Assumes</b> mastery of previous concepts</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Adjusts</u> pace to student need</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student adjusts to <b>faster pace with more independent student learning</b></li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focuses on conceptual understanding and skill development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focuses on conceptual understanding with <b>more depth and additional content</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepares for calculus (not including AP Calculus BC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepares for calculus, including <b>AP Calculus BC</b></li> </ul>

Students who are interested in a Plus level class (Algebra 2 or Precalculus) should visit the mathematics table at registration night to see if they achieved at least the minimum score needed for placement and to receive a signature on their registration form. If a student is enrolling in Geometry or is not interested in a Plus level class, they do not need to acquire a signature for registration purposes.

The skills assessments are different for each math course. They may include multiple choice, true/false, and free response questions. You will be given 60 minutes to complete the skills assessment. **NO CALCULATORS OR OTHER TECHNOLOGY ARE PERMITTED and no other resources may be used.**