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School Testing Calendars


	Assessment	Required By	Time (estimated)	Test Dates	Grade Level			
					9	10	11	12
F A L L	FAST• (FASTtrack Reading)	MPS - Assessments	35 minutes each	Sept. 20th, 21th, 22th, 2022 Makeup testing				
	Civics Exam - Graduation Requirement	State of Minnesota	50 questions; No Opt-Out Option	Ongoing				
W I N T E R	ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs •	State of Minnesota	Listening: 40 minutes. Reading: 35 minutes. Speaking: 30 minutes. Writing: 50-65 minutes	Jan 6th and 7th 2023	◆	◆	◆	◆
S P R I N G	MCA Math •	State of Minnesota	1.5-3 hours	March 14, 15, 16 Makeup April 18, 19 20				
	MCA Reading •	State of Minnesota	2.5-3.5 hours	March 14, 15, 16 Makeup April 18, 19 20				
	MCA Science •*	State of Minnesota	1.5-3 hours	March 14, 15, 16 Makeup April 18, 19 20				
	MTAS Math (Spec Ed)	State of Minnesota	30-60 minutes	March 14, 15, 16 Makeup April 18, 19 20				
	MTAS Reading (Spec Ed)	State of Minnesota	45-90 minutes	March 14, 15, 16 Makeup April 18, 19 20				
	MTAS Science (Spec Ed) **	State of Minnesota	30-60 minutes	March 14, 15, 16 Makeup April 18, 19 20				
	ACT with Writing Exam	MPS - College & Career	(not included in MN Statute testing time limitations)	TBD by ACT				
	FAST• (FASTtrack Reading)	MPS - Assessments	35 minutes each	May 2, 3 Makeup May 4				


This list and calendar reflects only District/State surveys. Community-based organizations, researchers (based on Principal approval, by school), and schools may have other assessments/surveys

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 = testing at this grade is required.

 = testing at this grade is at the school's discretion, except when required by School Improvement Plan, specific grant, or program evaluation.

 = [CogAT](#) is an assessment used as part of the Advanced Learner Identification process in MPS. It is given to all second graders and previously unscreened fifth graders. Third and fourth grade students who are referred will take the full CogAT assessment..

 = testing is required for any student who has been identified as an English Language Learner.

• Computer Delivered Format for majority. Alternate ACCESS (grades 1-12), Kindergarten and students with accommodations may be able to test on paper.

* High School MCA Science will be administered to all students completing Life Science credit (grades 9-12).

** For grades 9-12, the Science MTAS should be administered when the life science standard is met. The IEP team determines the most appropriate year for a high school student to take the Science MTAS.

Assessment Name	Description & Purpose	Format	More Information
ACCESS for ELLs/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	ACCESS for ELLs test items are written from the model performance indicators of WIDA's five English Language Proficiency (ELP) standards: Social & Instructional Language, Language of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies and test forms are divided into five grade level clusters (testing grades 1-12).	Online. Paper-based per IEP/504 accommodations only.	WIDA Brochure for Parents ACCESS Parent Fact Sheet (8/2018)
ACT		Online	Questions? Contact Derek Francis (Derek.Francis@mpls.k12.mn.us)
Civics Exam	Beginning with students enrolled in 9th grade, all students must take and pass a civics exam before graduating. Passing is 30+ out of 50 questions correct. Students cannot be prevented from graduating, if they do not pass the test. The civics exam connects to a broad set of social studies standards.	The test may be translated into other languages for EL students.	MN Department of Education
CogAT	All 2nd graders will be screened (1 hr). 3rd and 4th grade students referred by teacher or parent will take the full CogAT (3 hours). 5th grade, and students who have not taken the screener, will take screener (1 hour).	Online. Paper-based per IEP/504 accommodations only.	Questions? Contact Teaching and Learning, 612.668.5353



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COM	Concepts of Math (COM) is a Teaching and Learning Math screening tool for Kindergarten and 1st grade, used to drive instruction.		For questions, please contact Marium Toure (Marium.Toure@mpls.k12.mn.us).
FAST	FAST will be used as a district-wide universal screener for all students K-9 in order to assess students' broad reading and math skills. The FAST earlyReading assessment will be given to Kindergarten and 1st grade students. The aReading assessment will be given to students in grades 2-5 and the FASTtrack Reading assessment (which includes aReading) will be given to students in grades 6-9. The aMath assessment will be given to students in grades 2-8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FASTtrack Reading: online and adaptive - aReading & aMath: online and adaptive - earlyReading: one-on-one administration 	FAST Assessments in Minneapolis Public Schools
MCA	MCA measures the success of instruction based on the Minnesota Academic Standards. Results can be used to see if students are mastering key content knowledge and attain the skills necessary for future success in education and the workforce. *Reading and Math are adaptive tests. Science is linear (same test for each student).	Online. Paper-based per IEP/504 accommodations only.	MDE/Students and Families/Statewide Testing
MTAS	MTAS is a performance-based assessment in reading, mathematics and science for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. It is the alternate assessment to the MCA, and has substantial reductions in the complexity of the academic content standards	Paper-based per IEP/504 accommodations only.	MTAS (scroll to middle of page) MTAS Parent Fact Sheet (08/2018)
Grade 8 Physical Science		Online	Questions? Contact Teaching and Learning, 612.668.5353