



2024-2025 Detroit Lakes Public School Testing Calendar

While the Minnesota Department of Education and Detroit Lakes Public School District strives to ensure this testing schedule remains unaltered, it is subject to change. Buildings will communicate to parents with more detailed information as the time becomes closer. We will continue to update this testing schedule and also provide families with direct communication about their child's assessment schedules and results. A real time detailed calendar can be found [here](#).

MCA Testing Window for Detroit Lakes Public Schools

MCA testing is an accountability assessment required by federal and state law to examine the progress of our district students towards achievement of the Minnesota Academic Standards. More information can be found on the MDE [website](#).

- Teachers and principals will be sending out detailed information closer to the date.
- Exact dates and times will be available on our website by **March 1, 2025**. We will update our [testing google calendar](#) with all details as they are finalized. If you have questions or concerns, contact your child's teacher or principal.

January 27

- ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs® begins

March 3

- MCA Reading grades 3–8 and 10 and Mathematics grades 3–8 and 11 begins
- MCA Science grades 5, 8, and high school begins
- MTAS Reading, Mathematics, and Science begins

March 21

- ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs® ends

May 2

- MCA Reading grades 3–8 and 10 and Mathematics grades 3–8 and 11 ends
- MTAS Reading, Mathematics, and Science ends

May 9

- MCA Science grades 5, 8, and high school ends
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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ACT EXAM

ACT Test: Optional - juniors only

The students will receive specific information regarding the time and details of signing-up to take the district offered ACT.

- April 8, 2025
 - Make-up date: April 22, 2025
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STAR ASSESSMENTS

Star Assessments are 10-30 minute standardized computer assessments that provide teachers with learning data to help inform instruction. Star tests are computer adaptive, which means they adjust to each answer your child provides. This helps teachers get the best data to help your child in the shortest amount of testing time. This information is helpful to inform instruction, progress monitor and determine annual growth. Students in grades K-HS are tested in the areas of reading and math. Learn more about [STAR Assessments](#).

STAR Assessment Testing Windows:

Each teacher and/or principal will provide parent notification of exact dates and times for teachers

- **Fall:** September 9 - September 30
 - **Winter:** December 1 - January 15
 - **Spring:** April 15 - May 31
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FASTBRIDGE ASSESSMENT

The Minnesota Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act ([Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.12, subdivision 2](#)) requires school districts and charters to adopt and implement a K-3 literacy screener from the list of Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Approved Literacy Screening Tools. Screening tools approved by MDE include subtests to measure foundational reading skills as well as characteristics of dyslexia. Literacy screening tools were reviewed to ensure adequate classification accuracy, reliability, validity, sample representativeness (norms), bias analysis, and ease of administration and scoring.

DLPS will be utilizing Fastbridge Assessments for grades K-3 screening.

Fastbridge Assessment Testing Windows:

Each teacher and/or principal will provide parent notification of exact dates and times for teachers.

- **Fall:** September 9 - October 11
 - **Winter:** January 6 - February 21
 - **Spring:** April 7 - May 21
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HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS

The 2025 AP Exams will be administered in schools over two weeks in May. Teachers, coordinators, or our HS counselors, will notify students about when and where to report for the appropriate exams for students who are taking them. Testing at times other than those published by the College Board is not permitted. Find more information on the [AP Central site](#).

- May 5: Biology
- May 8: Statistics
- May 8: Literature & Composition
- May 9: United States History
- May 12: Calculus
- May 16: Psychology
- May 12: Calculus