



District Services Center

SPRING LAKE PARK SCHOOLS

High expectations, high achievement for all. No excuses.

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child participated in either the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA-III) or the Minnesota Tests of Academic Skills (MTAS-III) last spring. Students in Grades 3 through 8 and high school complete the MCA or MTAS in reading, math, and/or science. These are statewide tests that help districts and policymakers to better understand where students are in their learning and to help guide COVID-19 academic recovery efforts. Ensuring that every student receives high quality teaching and learning is a priority in SLP's commitment to create a world-class learning community.

Your child's Individual Student Report is enclosed. The report provides your child's overall score and achievement level in each subject tested, as well as state, district, and school averages. Achievement levels of *Meets the Standards* or *Exceeds the Standards* are considered "proficient" for accountability purposes. More information about understanding your child's Individual Student Report can be found at <http://minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com/isr/> or in this document: "[What Families Need to Know about Using MCA and MTAS Results.](#)"

During the 2020-21 school year, students and families experienced many changes to learning models, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which impacted learning, teaching and social-emotional development in unique ways for each student. This is important to keep in mind as you look at the spring 2021 MCA/MTAS results for your child. As a result, classroom assessments have been more commonly used this past year to measure your child's achievement in Spring Lake Park Schools.

For more information regarding the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments and other state tests, you can visit the Minnesota Department of Education's website at <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/tests/index.htm>.

If you have any questions about the MCAs, MTAS, or any assessments that we use in our schools, please contact me (kstewa@district16.org), your child's teacher or counselor, or the school principal.

Sincerely,

Kelly Stewart
Coordinator of Learning Analytics and Assessment
Spring Lake Park Schools

For additional translated documents, please go to our [SLP Assessment website](#).