

Source of Requirement	Purpose	Assessment	Subject	Grades	Assessment Window	Estimated Assessment Time	Timeline and format for disseminating results	
State Required Assessment	To measure students progress toward Minnesota's academic standards and meet the requirements of federal Elementary and Secondary Educations Act (ESEA)	MCA-III Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment III is an online assessment containing multiple choice and technology enhanced items	Reading	3-5	STATE: Mar 4-May 3 DISTRICT: Mar 18-May 3*	1-2.5 hours	Preliminary results available through ParentVUE within 1 week of testing. Final results mailed home or given to families in the fall.	
				6-8		1-2.5 hours		
				10		1-2.5 hours		
			Math	3-5		1.5-2 hours		
				6-8		1-2.5 hours		
				11		1-2 hours		
		Science	5	STATE: Mar 4-May 10 DISTRICT: Mar 18-May 10*	0.5-1.5 hours			
			8		0.5-1.5 hours			
			High School (generally grade 10)		0.5-1.5 hours			
		MTAS-III Minnesota Test of Academic Skills is an alternate assessment for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. It is a performance-based assessment administered and scored by the test administrator using a script and a task-specific scoring rubric.	Reading		3-8 & 10	STATE: Mar 4-May 3 DISTRICT: Mar 18-May 3*, through May 10 for Science only		45- 90 minutes
Math	3-8 & 11				30-60 minutes			
	Science				5, 8, & 10		30-60 minutes	
State Required Assessment	To measure English language proficiency based on Minnesota Standards for English Language Development and to meet the requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education ACT (ESEA)	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Access for ELLs is an online assessment containing multiple choice & technology enhanced, items (Listening & Reading). Students respond to prompts by writing or typing (Writing) and speaking (Speaking).	Listening, Reading, Writing, & Speaking	Kindergarten	STATE: January 29-March 22 DISTRICT: January 29-March 8*		45 minutes individually	EL Teachers share preliminary results with families in May. Final results available in ParentVUE in July. Final results mailed home to families in October.
			Listening	1-12			Up to 40 minutes	
			Reading	1-12			Up to 35 minutes	
			Writing	1-12		Up to 65 minutes		
			Speaking	1-12		Up to 30 minutes		
		Alternate ACCESS for ELLs This is an individually administered English language proficiency assessment developed specifically for English learners who have significant cognitive disabilities.	Listening	1-12		up to 20 minutes		
			Reading	1-12		up to 20 minutes		
			Writing	1-12		up to 20 minutes		
			Speaking	1-12		up to 20 minutes		
			Speaking	1-12		up to 20 minutes		

State Required Assessment	To demonstrate skills and knowledge necessary for success beyond high school	ACT The ACT is a multiple choice exam administered on paper.	English	11	16-Apr	45 minutes	Results mailed to student by ACT 2-3 weeks after testing. Results available in ParentVUE 4-6 weeks after testing.
			Math			60 minutes	
			Reading		Make-up- April 23	35 minutes	
			Science			35 minutes	
State Sponsored	To gain insights into the world of students and their experiences	Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) This voluntary, anonymous survey provides valuable information about issues vital to the health, safety and academic success of young people.		5, 8, 9, & 11	Not Applicable for School Year 23-24	45 minutes	Results are reported by State, County, and District
Local Assessment	To monitor students' progress toward Kindergarten Readiness	Teaching Strategies Gold (TS GOLD) Authentic, ongoing, observation-based assessment in natural environment	Cognitive, Language, Social-Emotional, Literacy & Mathematics Physical (optional)	Pre-K (ages 3-5)	FALL Sept 11- Nov 10	collection of evidence embedded in instructional time	Results shared with families during communication times
					WINTER No Data Collection		
					SPRING Mar 18 - April 12		
Literacy Screening Assessments	To monitor students' progress toward reading at grade level every year	AimswebPlus The AimswebPlus fluency measures are individually administered. Students read the letters, sounds or words they observe. Teachers record the student's accuracy and last item read.	Letter Naming & Letter Word Sound Fluency	Kindergarten	FALL September 18-29	5 minutes	Teachers share student progress during Communication Nights. Results available in ParentVUE at the end of each testing window
			Phoneme Segmentation	K & 1	WINTER December 11-21		
			Nonsense Word Fluency	1	SPRING May 1-17		
			Reading Fluency	1-4			
		Letter Naming- lower & upper case letter identification	Letter Identification	K	FALL Sept 18-29	5-10 minutes	

		Snap (high frequency) Words Administered individually, teacher records accuracy as student reads words.	Sight Word Recognition	Kindergarten	WINTER Jan SPRING May 1-17	5-10 minutes	window.
Local Assessment	Adaptive assessment used for measuring proficiency (RIT Score aligned to content ready to learn) and growth (unique student projected targets)	NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP GROWTH) MAP Growth is a computer-adaptive test. If a student answers the first multiple choice question correctly the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. Every student gets a unique assessment that can determine their academic level and what they are ready to learn next.	Reading & Math	K-12 OPTIONAL	FALL Sept 19-Oct 18 WINTER Jan 8-Feb 9	40-120 minutes	Results available in ParentVUE within 3 days of testing. Results mailed to families at the end of the testing window.
				2,4,6,& 7 Other Grades- OPTIONAL	SPRING Mar 18- May 23		
Local Assessment	To monitor student progress toward college and career readiness	PreACT The PreACT is a multiple choice test administered on paper. It simulates the ACT testing experience within a shorter test on all four ACT test subjects.	English	10	October 10-27	30 minutes	Results shared with families and available in ParentVUE 4 weeks after testing.
			Math			40 minutes	
			Reading			30 minutes	
			Science			30 minutes	
		PreACT 8/9 The PreACT8/9 is a multiple choice test administered on paper. It simulates the ACT testing experience within a shorter test on all four ACT test subject.	English	8	October 10-27	30 minutes	
			Math			30 minutes	
			Reading			30 minutes	
			Science			30 minutes	
National	Administered at the completion of rigorous college level course work.	Advanced Placement (AP) AP Exams are paper exams that contain both multiple choice and free response items. Registration is required to participate.			May 6-17 Make-up: May 22-24	Exam times may vary	Results visible in student's College Board account in July. Results available in ParentVUE in Sept.

(College Equivalency)	Proficient scores may be used for college course placement or credit.	College Level Equivalency Program (CLEP) CLEP Exams are online exams with multiple choice items. Registration is required to participate.	Various subjects	9-12 OPTIONAL	Oct 30 - Nov 10 Jan 16- Feb 2 May 20 - May 31 Summer Upon Request	90 minutes	Results given to student at completion of test. Results visible in student's College Board account within 1 week of testing.
National	National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Exam	PSAT-NMSQT PSAT Exams are paper exams with multiple choice items. Registration is required to participate.	Reading Writing & Language Math	11 OPTIONAL	October 11 Make up: Oct 19	60 minutes 35 minutes 70 minutes	Results visible in student's College Board account in December
National	Required for federal accountability	National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) NAEP are administered online to a sample of students	Reading Math	4 & 8	Feb. 20 Highview Middle School only Feb. 28 Sunnyside Elementary	90-100 minutes	Results reported to State only

* Exact Dates for Administration by School, Grade, and Subject will be posted 2 weeks before testing begins.

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