

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 Education Act (ESEA)	MCA-III (Math and Reading) and Science MCA-IV Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment III is an online assessment containing multiple choice and technology enhanced items	Reading	3-5	STATE: Mar 3-May 2 DISTRICT: Mar 10-May 2*	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 3-May 9 DISTRICT: Mar 10-May 9*	0.5-1.5 hours	
				8		0.5-1.5 hours	
				High School (generally grade 10)		0.5-1.5 hours	
		MTAS-III - Science Alternate MCA 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 3-May 2 DISTRICT: Mar 10-May 2*	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 27-March 21	45 minutes individually administered	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	
		WIDA 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	DISTRICT: January 28-March 21*	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	
						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 online. Subjects include: Reading, Math, English, & Science	English	11	April 8	45 minutes	Results visible in student's ACT account 2-3 weeks after testing. Results available in ParentVUE 4-6 weeks after testing.
			Math			60 minutes	
			Reading		Make-up- April 22	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	Feb. 10 - 21	45 minutes	Results are reported by State, County, and District

State Required Literacy Screening Assessments	The Minnesota Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act (Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.12, subdivision 2) requires school districts to implement a K-3 literacy screener for the purpose of identifying students who may need additional support.	FastBridge The FastBridge 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 Names & Sounds	Kindergarten	FALL Sept 16- Oct 11 WINTER January 6-31 SPRING May 1-17	5-10 minutes	Teachers share student progress during Communication Nights. Results available in ParentVUE at the end of each testing window.
			Word Segmenting	K & 1			
			Nonsense Words	K-3			
			Reading Fluency	1-4			
Local Assessment	To monitor students' progress toward Kindergarten Readiness	Teaching Strategies Gold (TS GOLD) Authentic, ongoing, observation-based assessment in the natural environment	Cognitive, Language, Social-Emotional, Literacy & Mathematics Physical (optional)	Pre-K (ages 3-5)	FALL Sept 9- Nov 15 SPRING Mar 17 - April 16	the collection of evidence is embedded in instructional time	Results shared with families during communication times
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 2,4,6,& 7 Other Grades- OPTIONAL	FALL Sept 16-Oct 16 WINTER Jan 6-Feb 7 SPRING Mar 17- May 22	40-120 minutes	Results available in ParentVUE within 3 days of testing.
Local Assessment	To monitor student progress toward college and career readiness	PreACT The PreACT is a multiple choice test administered online. It simulates the ACT testing experience within a shorter test on all four ACT test subjects. 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 Math Reading Science	10	October 15-Nov. 8	30 minutes 40 minutes 30 minutes 30 minutes	Results shared with families and available in ParentVUE 4 weeks after testing.
		English Math Reading Science	8	October 15-Nov. 8	30 minutes 30 minutes 30 minutes 30 minutes		
National	Administered at the completion of rigorous college level course	Advanced Placement (AP) AP Exams are online exams that contain both multiple choice and free response items. Registration is required to participate.			May 5-16 Make-up: May 19-23	Exam times may vary	Results visible in student's College Board account in July. Results available in ParentVUE in Sept.

(College Equivalency)	work. 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 28 - Nov 7 Jan 15- Jan. 29 May 19 - May 30 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 online exams with multiple choice items. Subjects include: Reading & Writing and Math. Registration is required to participate.	Reading	11 OPTIONAL	October 9 and 17 Make up: Oct 29	60 minutes	Results visible in student's College Board account in December
			Writing & Language			35 minutes	
			Math			70 minutes	
National	Required for federal accountability	National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) NAEP tests are administered online to a sample of students	Reading	4 & 8	Not Applicable in School Year 24-25	90-100 minutes	Results reported to State only
		Math					
* Exact Dates for Administration by School, Grade, and Subject will be posted 2 weeks before testing begins.							
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