



## Toolkit for Families: Understanding Statewide Assessment Results

To ensure the success of each student, families are encouraged to engage with schools as partners in their student's learning and development. The resources below are provided to help families understand the statewide assessment results (MCA, MTAS, ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS) so they can advocate for their child's success in school.

Statewide assessments are a part of each district or school's comprehensive, balanced assessment system. They reflect one piece of information your district or school uses to evaluate the content students engage with in school, so all students graduate from high school ready for college and careers. We encourage parents and families to use these resources alongside the information you receive from your child's school and teachers.

### Understanding and Using Your Student's Statewide Assessment Results

- [What Families Need to Know about Using MCA and MTAS Results](#)
  - Two-page infographic that outlines the purpose and uses of student results
- [What Families Need to Know about Using ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Results](#)
  - Two-page infographic that outlines the purpose and uses of student results
- [Individual Student Report Resources](#)
  - Resources for reading the reports containing student results from MCA and MTAS
- Resources for understanding the English language proficiency assessment reports:
  - [ACCESS Individual Reports](#)
  - [Alternate ACCESS Individual Student Reports](#)

### Understanding Statewide Assessments in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic

- [MCA and MTAS during COVID-19](#)
  - Posted in spring 2021 to address when and how the assessments were administered to students
- [ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs during COVID-19](#)
  - Posted in spring 2021 to address when and how the assessments were administered to students

### Understanding the Academic Standards

- [Frequently Asked Questions about Minnesota's K-12 Academic Standards](#)

## Translated Resources

For translations of all documents outlined above, visit the [Statewide Testing Students and Families](#) page.

## Get Involved

- [Join a Community MCA or Alternate MCA Review Committee](#)
  - Committees meet for one to two days throughout the test development process to review content from the Reading, Math and Science MCA and Alternate MCA to ensure culturally affirming and inclusive content.
- [Academic Standards Review Committees](#)
  - In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Minnesota’s academic standards are reviewed and revised on a 10-year cycle. Visit this webpage to learn more and stay updated about opportunities to join a committee.