

AFSA Assessments Calendar 2024-2025

| Assessment | When Administered | Subject Matter | Time spent on test | Purpose of Assessment |
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| STAR Reading & Math | Grades 3 - 12 Dates may be adjusted: Placement testing when students enroll Nov 4-15 Feb 18-28 May 12-22 | Reading & Math | 35 - 45 minutes each test | Progress monitoring and intervention identification, curriculum planning, placement level identification |
| ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS | February 3 - 21 | Social and instructional language | 170 minutes (grades 1 - 12) 45 minutes (kindergarten) | State required for English Language Learners |
| MCA & MTAS Math | Grades 3 - 8 and 11 April 15-30 | Math | Unlimited timing, typically 75 - 120 minutes | State required |
| MCA & MTAS Reading | Grades 3 - 8 and 10 March 31-April 11 | Reading | Unlimited timing, typically 60 - 120 minutes | State required |
| MCA & MTAS Science | Grades 5, 8, and students enrolled in Biology May 1-9 | Science | Unlimited timing, typically 45 - 90 minutes | State required |
| ASVAB | Grade 11 or 12 (Optional) March 2025 | Reading, Math, Science, Spatial and Technical | 2.5 - 2 hours | College and career readiness (alternate to the ACT for some students) |
| Accuplacer | Grade 12 (Optional) Late April/early May | Reading, Math, Writing | Untimed | College placement for students planning to attend a 2-year institution |
| ACT | Grades 11 or 12 (optional; fee-based) March 11, 2025 | Reading, Math, Writing | 4.5 hours | College entrance exam Required to offer by the state |
| DIBELS | Grades K - 3 | Reading | Average of 20 | Read Well by 3rd Grade |

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| Reading | Placement testing when students enroll, progress monitoring throughout the year Dates may be adjusted: September 9-20 January 13-24 May 12-22 | skills | minutes | Progress monitoring and assessment Dyslexia Screener |
| TILLS | Grades K-4 - when determined by MTSS team for intervention support | Language Acquisition & Literacy Skills screener | 70-90 minutes | Dyslexia screener, Intervention screener |
| Brigance | PreK and K - within 30 days of enrolling | Academic Skills/ School readiness | Average of 15 minutes | EC and Kindergarten Screening |
| GOLD Strategies for Early Development | Pre-K - ongoing throughout the year | School Readiness skills | Ongoing (observation-based throughout the year) | PreK requirement to enter Kindergarten |

Score Distribution

Scores for local tests (Star Reading and Math, DIBELS Reading, Math CBM) are used locally for course placement, progress monitoring and instructional planning throughout the school year. Scores on national tests (ACT, PSAT, ASVAB, Accuplacer) are mailed to students 6 - 8 weeks after the testing date. Scores for Minnesota Statewide Testing (ACCESS, MCA, MTAS) are embargoed through August and Individual Score Reports are mailed to each family before fall conferences.