

2025-26 DISTRICT TESTING CALENDAR/SCHEDULE (2/18/2026)

Assessment	Subject	Grade	Purpose	Time	Testing Window	Results
ACT-Paper Format	English Mathematics Reading Science	11	The ACT test is a curriculum and standards based educational and career planning tool that assesses students' academic readiness for college.	English - 45 min. Mathematics - 60 min. Reading - 35 min. Science - 35 min.	April 21, 2026	3-8 weeks following receipt of examinee test responses from each school
PreACT-Paper Format	English Mathematics Reading Science	10	PreAct empowers 10th-grade students with a unique ACT test practice experience. Scores provide valuable insights into students' predicted performance on the ACT and help inform important high school course decisions.	English - 30 min. Mathematics - 40 min. Reading - 30 min. Science - 30 min.	October 14, 2025	3-8 weeks following receipt of examinee test responses from each school
Access Online Format and Paper Format	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	K - 12	To measure Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives for all English learners in Grades K-12 that is based on the Minnesota Standards for English Language Development and required by Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)	Listening - 40 Min. Reading - 35 Min. Speaking - 30 Min. Writing Tier A - 50 Min. Writing Tier B - 65 Min.	Jan. 26-March 20, 2026	August 2026
MCA	Reading Online	3-8 & 10	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments are the state tests that help districts measure student progress toward Minnesota's academic standards and meet the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The reading and mathematics tests are used to determine whether schools and districts have made adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward all students being proficient. Science Tests area required by ESEA but are not included in the AYP calculations	Grades 3-5 - 2.5 – 3.5 Hrs. Grade 6-8 - 2.5 – 3.5 hrs. Grade 10 - 2-3 Hrs.	State testing window March 2-May 1, 2026 APS Testing Window April 14-16 Grades 3-8 April 13-16 Grade 10	Preliminary results available within 1 hour Results for Public-August 2026
MCA	Mathematics Online	3-8 & 11		Grades 3-4 - 1.5-2 Hrs. Grades 5-6 - 1.5-2 Hrs. Grades 7-8 - 2-3 Hrs. Grade 11 - 1.5-2.5 Hrs.	State testing window March 2-May 1, 2026 APS Testing Window April 13-16 Grade 11 April 21-23 Grades 3-8	Preliminary results available within 1 hour Results for Public-August 2026
MCA	Science Online	5, 8 & HS		Grade 5 – 1.25-2 Hrs. Grade 8 – 1.5-2 Hrs. HS – 2-2.5 Hrs.	State testing window March 2-May 8, 2026 APS Testing Window April 8-9 Grade 5 April 28-30 Grade 8 April 27-30-High School	Preliminary results available within 1 hour Results for Public-August 2026
MTAS	Reading Mathematics Science	3-11	Performance based assessment in reading, mathematics and science for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. It is designed to appropriately measure progress toward state standards for students who meet specific criteria.	Varies per student	State testing window March 2-May 1, 2026 APS Testing Window April 1-April 24	Preliminary results available within 1 hour once online score entry is submitted. August 2026

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NAEP	Reading and Math	8	Each NAEP assessment is based on an organizing framework, similar to a blueprint, that is developed by education and assessment experts. Frameworks provide information about the content to be assessed in each subject and what knowledge and skills are appropriate for students being assessed in those subjects. The frameworks also offer insights about how to measure skills and student achievement in innovative ways.	90 Min.	January 26-March 20, 2026	4-6 months
STAR	Reading	4-9	STAR tests are computer adaptive tests and are used to screen students for their reading and math achievement levels, but they can also be used to monitor your child's growth throughout the year to estimate their understanding of state standards. Used as a universal screener.	20-30 Min.	September 8-12, 2025 January 12-16, 2026 Gr 4-8 Jan 13-21, 2026 Grade 9 May 11-15, 2026	Upon completion of the test
STAR	Mathematics	4-9		20-30 Min.	September 8-12, 2025 January 12-16, 2026 Gr 4-8 Jan 13-21, 2026 Grade 9 May 11-15, 2026	Upon completion of the test
FAST	Reading and Math	K-3 all students	<p>earlyReading English (K-1) is designed to assess both unified and component skills associated with kindergarten and first-grade reading achievement. It is intended to enable screening and progress monitoring across four domains (Concepts of Print, Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, and Decoding).</p> <p>earlyMath (K-1) is designed to screen and monitor early numeracy skills for students in kindergarten and first grade. Early numeracy skills are measured within three domains (number, relations and operations)</p>		K – Oct., Jan., May Gr 1 – Sept., Jan., May Gr 2-5 - Sept., Jan., May	Upon completion of the test