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Dear Shakopee High School Students and Parents/Guardians:

The end of winter marks not only the start of spring, but also the start of testing season. Next week we will begin our 2026 administration of the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) tests. As this time of year is very busy, we wanted to get out a communication early so students and families are aware of our testing calendar.

MCA Science Testing:

- **Semester 1 Biology Students:**
 - **Tuesday, March 3rd & Wednesday, March 4th** - The students that took biology A and B in the 1st semester will be testing throughout these days. Students will be notified for when they should be released from their class to report to the Studio Theater for testing.
- **AP Biology Students:**
 - **Monday, March 23rd** - The AP biology students will be testing during their scheduled AP biology class at the end of quarter 3.
- **Semester 2 Biology Students:**
 - **Tuesday, April 21st** - The students that took biology A and B in the 2nd semester (*or biology A in 1st quarter and biology B in 4th quarter*) will be testing during the student's scheduled biology class.

MCA Math and Reading Testing:

Tuesday, April 14th is when we will administer both the MCA reading (10th grade) and math (11th grade).

MCA Math and Reading Testing - Modified School Day

Tuesday, April 14th, 2026

Testing/Campus Visits from 8:20am - 10:50am

<u>Hour</u>	<u>Time</u>
TESTING	8:20am – 10:50am 9 th grade (scheduled campus visits) 10 th and 11 th grade (MCA Testing Reading and Math) 12 th grade (late start)
3rd Block	11:00am - 12:33pm A Lunch: 10:55 - 11:20 B Lunch: 11:20 - 11:45 C Lunch: 11:45 - 12:10 D Lunch: 12:10 - 12:33
1st Block	12:41pm - 1:22pm (41 minutes)
2nd Block	1:30pm – 2:11pm (41 minutes)
4th Block	2:19pm – 3:00pm (41 minutes)

*Busses will run at normal times for both AM and PM

- Campus Visits - 9th graders (more info to follow)
- MCA Reading – 10th graders
- MCA Math – 11th graders
- Late Start - 12th graders

10th and 11th graders will need to come to testing with their MacBook Air fully charged, with their charger, and headphones (if preferred).

- **10th and 11th graders will remain in their testing rooms until 10:50am.**
 - Since the MCA tests are not timed, students that need additional time will continue testing until complete, in another designated testing room.
- **Busses will run at the normal time (AM and PM)**
 - All 9th graders must report to school on time for scheduled campus visits
 - 12th graders using the bus for transportation in the morning, must go to the Upper Commons until testing is complete for a quiet study hall.
 - 12th graders, not taking the bus, should arrive to school by 10:45am, as classes begin at 11am.

During the week of April 6th - 10th, 10th and 11th graders will be doing prep work for taking the MCA testing in each of their class periods. In case a student misses the necessary prep work, step-by-step directions will be emailed to all students and families, as well as posted on the high school website.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If a student does well on the high school math or reading MCA test, they may not be required to take a placement test or a remedial class within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system (MNSCU). Essentially, the MCA test score becomes their college placement test for math and reading.

Please don't hesitate to contact the high school with questions or concerns regarding these important upcoming tests. They give our students the opportunity to demonstrate what they know, and to represent to our school, our community and our state the great things that are going on in Shakopee Schools.

A statewide assessment is just one measure of your student's achievement, but your student's participation is important to understand how effectively the education at your student's school is aligned to the academic standards.

Parents and guardians with questions about the MCAs may contact Sarah Jordan, School Assessment Coordinator at Shakopee High School. Parents and guardians may access more information on the MCA [here](#) including the 'Parent/guardian guide and refusal for student participation in statewide testing'.

Thank you.

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