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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 6, 2027	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 13, 2026	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.	February 1-March 26, 2027	August 2027
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 8-May 7, 2027 APS Testing Window April 13-15 Grades 3-8 April 12-15 Grade 10	Preliminary results available within 1 hour Results for Public-August 2027
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 8-May 7, 2027 APS Testing Window April 12-15 Grade 11 April 20-22 Grades 3-8	Preliminary results available within 1 hour Results for Public-August 2027
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 8-May 14, 2027 APS Testing Window April 6-9 Grade 5 April 27-29 Grade 8 April 27-29-High School	Preliminary results available within 1 hour Results for Public-August 2027
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 8-May 7, 2027 APS Testing Window April 1-April 23	Preliminary results available within 1 hour once online score entry is submitted. August 2027

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CAPTI ReadBasix	Reading				September 8-16, 2026 January 11-15, 2027 May 10-14, 2027	
STAR	Reading	4-8	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 7-11, 2026 January 11-15, 2027 Gr 4-8 May 10-14, 2027	Upon completion of the test
STAR	Mathematics	4-9		20-30 Min.	September 7-11, 2026 January 11-15, 2027 Gr 4-8 Jan 11-15, 2027 Grade 9 May 10-14, 2027	Upon completion of the test
FAST	Reading and Math	K-3 all students	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). 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)		K – Oct.., Jan., May Gr 1-3 Sept 7-11 Gr 4-5 (identified) Sept 14-18	Upon completion of the test