



HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

2026-2027 School Year

This calendar outlines the district assessments students take during the school year, including when they are given, why they are administered, and when families can expect results. For more information, please visit the [Testing & Assessment](#) page on the Hopkins website.

Assessment	Grade	Date	Time	Assesses	Results
UNIVERSAL SCREENING Seasonal assessments of all students to monitor performance and growth, identify learning needs, and guide instruction					
FastBridge earlyReading-English	K-1	Aug 31-Sept 30 Jan 4-29 May 3-26	5-10 mins per student	Foundational English reading skills using grade-level subskills such as letter identification, letter sounds, nonsense words reading, etc.	Available in Infinite Campus Parent Portal within a few days after the testing window closes.
	2-3		2-4 mins per student	Students in immersion programs also participate to monitor English reading development	
FastBridge earlyReading-Spanish	K-1		5-10 mins per student	Foundational Spanish reading skills using grade-level subskills such as letter identification, letter sounds, syllable reading, etc. Only Juntos Spanish immersion	
FastBridge CBMreading-English	1-5		3 mins	English oral reading fluency (accuracy & rate) Students in immersion programs also participate to monitor English reading development	
FastBridge CBMreading-Spanish	1-5		3 mins	Spanish oral reading fluency (accuracy & rate) Only Juntos Spanish immersion	

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 FastBridge aReading	2-3	Aug 31-Sept 30 Jan 4 -29 May 3-26	30-45 mins	Overall reading performance and growth over time	Available in Infinite Campus Parent Portal within a few days after the testing window closes.
 Capti ReadBaxis	4-10		45-60 mins	Foundational reading skills (word recognition & decoding, vocabulary, morphology, sentence processing, reading efficiency, and reading comprehension)	
 FastBridge earlyMath	K-1		5-10 mins per student	Foundational numeracy skills such as number sense, counting, quantity relationships, and basic operations	
 FastBridge aMath	2-8		30-45 mins	Overall math performance and growth overtime	
 FastBridge CBMmath Automaticity	2-8		10 mins	Basic operation fluency (accuracy & rate)	
 District Dictation Assessments	K-3 (optional 4-5)	Oct 7-9 Jan 27-29 May 26-28	Varies	Foundational writing skills	Used by teachers, and school & district teams
 District Prompt Writing Assessments	2-8	Aug 31-Sept 18 May 10-28		Writing process and composition skills	
 WIDA Screener	New multilingual learners	As needed after enrollment	15-90 mins Varies	Determine qualification for English Learner (EL) services	Available in Infinite Campus Parent Portal Report mailed home

 Panorama Social-Emotional Learning Survey	3-12	Oct 6-8 Feb 1-3 May 26-28	15-20 mins	Student self-reported perceptions of social emotional learning including aspects of belonging, safety, and school climate	Used by school and district teams
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STATEWIDE & OUTCOME ASSESSMENTS

Annual assessments that provide information about student achievement and school & district performance

 WIDA ACCESS / Alternate ACCESS	All K-12 Multilingual Learners	Feb 1-Mar 4	4 hours	English language proficiency in four domains: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing	Available in Infinite Campus Parent Portal in the fall. Individual Student Reports (ISRs) mailed home
 Science MCA-IV / Science Alternate MCA (Alt MCA)	5, 8, & High School Life Science	Mar 15-25	1.5-2.5 hours	Minnesota Academic Standards in Science	
 Reading MCA-IV / Reading Alternate MCA (Alt MCA)	3-8, 10	April 5-16	1-2.5 hours	Minnesota Academic Standards in Reading	
 Mathematics MCA-IV / Mathematics Alternate MCA (Alt MCA)	3-8, 11	April 19-30	1-2.5 hours	Minnesota Academic Standards in Mathematics	



COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Assessments that provide information about students' readiness for postsecondary pathways

 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)	11	Oct	3 hours	Measures college and career readiness while providing students with practice for the SAT and opportunities to qualify for scholarship programs	
 American College Test (ACT)	11	Apr 13	3.5 hours	College admissions exam evaluating English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing	Available in MyACT 2-8 weeks post-exam.

School-Specific Test Schedules

- [WIDA ACCESS/ Alternate ACCESS](#)
- [MCA / Alternate MCAs](#)

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*Please note: This calendar is subject to change due to weather, school scheduling needs, or other unforeseen circumstances.
Makeup testing for WIDA ACCESS/MCA testing occurs on a rolling basis during and after the district testing window, but must be completed by the state's testing deadline. More information about state-wide testing can be found [here](#).*