South St. Paul Public Schools 2026-27

General Testing Windows (see individual site calendars for details)

DATE(S)	ASSESSMENT	SUBJECT(S)	GRADE(S)
FALL			
Aug. 27 - Sept. 11	FAST	earlyMath & earlyReading (KEC & LC)	GK-1
Aug. 27 - Sept. 11	FAST	CBM Reading (KEC & LC)	G2-5
Sept. 14 -18	FAST	aMath & aReading (KEC, LC, MS, HS)	G2-12
Sept. 14 -18	FAST	SEL Screener: SAEBRS (KEC, LC, MS, HS)	G2-12
Sept 1- Oct 7	CogAT	Cognitive Abilities Test (LC & KEC)	G4
Oct 21	PSAT	PSAT: English, Math, Reading, Science (HS)	G10-11
WINTER			
January 4-29	FAST	earlyMath & earlyReading (KEC & LC)	GK-1
January 4-29	FAST	CBM Reading (KEC & LC)	G2-5
January 4-29	FAST	aMath & aReading (KEC, LC, MS, HS)	G4-12
Next in 2028	MSS	Minnesota Student Survey (alternate years)	G5,8,9,11
Feb1 - Mar 26??	ACCESS for ELLs	Listening, Reading, Speaking, Writing (ALL)	GK-12
Feb1 - Mar 26	WIDA Alt. Access	WIDA ACCESS & Alternate	
Feb 1 - May 7	MTAS/Alt MCA	Reading, Math, Science (LC, KEC, MS, HS)	G3-8, HS
Mar. 11	ACT	ACT: English, Math, Reading, Science (HS)	G11
April 8 & 9	MCA	Reading (LC, KEC, MS, HS)	G3-8, HS
April 15 & 16	MCA	Math (LC, KEC, MS, HS)	G3-8, HS
April 21 & 22	MCA	Science (LC, KEC, MS, HS)	G5, 8, HS
		SSPPS SPRING BREAK	
April 26 - May 18	IB	IB Diploma Testing	G11 & 12
May 3-28	FAST	earlyMath & earlyReading (KEC & LC)	GK-1
May 3-28	FAST	CBM Reading (KEC & LC)	G2-5
May 3-28	FAST	CBM Reading (KEC & LC)	G2-3
May 17 - May 21	FAST	aMath & aReading (KEC, LC, MS, HS)	G4-12
May 17 - May 21	FAST	SEL Screener: SAEBRS (KEC, LC, MS, HS)	2-12
Mar. 15 - May 15	CogAT	Cognitive Abilities Test (LC & KEC)	G2 & G4
Mar 15- April 21	STAMP	Bilingual Seals (HS-CLC Only)	G10-12

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Assessment Purpose, Duration & Results			
Assessment	**Purpose**	**Avg Duration**	**Results**
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA): Math, Reading & Science	MCAs are a computer-based assessment created by the MN Department of Ed to measure student progress towards Minnesota's academic standards. Schools are required to assess students in grades 3-8 and once in high school annually in math and reading and in grades 5, 8 and once in high school in science.	Math: 1.5-2.5 hrs Reading: 2.5-3.5 hrs Science: 1.75-2 hrs	Individual Student Reports provided to families by Dec. 1st. Electronic access to results via Campus
Alt-MCA: Math, Reading & Science	Alternate MCA assessments are created by the MDE as an alternate to the MCA. Students with an IEP who meet Alt-MCA eligibility requirements take Alt-MCA Math, Reading and Science in the same grade levels as MCAs (see above).	Individually administered. Times vary by student	Individual Student Reports provided to families by Dec. 1st. Electronic access to results via Campus
ACCESS for ELLs	ACCESS for ELLs Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing assessments are administered to all K-12 English Learners in order to measure progress toward meeting Minnesota's standards for English language development.	Listening: 40 mins Reading: 35 mins Speaking: 30 mins Writing: 65 mins	Individual Student Reports provided to families by Dec. 1st. Electronic access to results via Campus
Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	Alternate ACCESS for ELLs provide K-12 English Learners with an IEP the opportunity to demonstrate their English language development in Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing.	Individually administered. Times vary by student	Individual Student Reports provided to families by Dec. 1st. Electronic access to results via Campus
ACT Plus Writing	ACT Plus Writing is a college readiness assessment used for post-secondary planning and as a college entrance exam.	4.5 hrs	Available 6-8 weeks after testing
Pre-ACT	Pre-ACT is a college readiness assessment used for high school and post-secondary planning.	3 hrs	Available 6-8 weeks after testing
Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)	The CogAT measures abilities and potential in verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal areas. Contributes to a more complete picture of abilities and in G3-5 advanced academics placement decision.	90 min over 3 days 30 min sessions (verbal, quantitative, nonverbal)	ent home with students 2-3 weeks after testingS
FAST	FAST earlyMath and earlyReading are comprised of 3-4 numeracy or literacy subtests administered individually.	5 mins. Each subtest takes approx. 1 min	Shared via Parent-Teacher Conferences
FAST	FAST aMath and aReading are 30 item, individually administered, adaptive tests.	15-30 minutes, times vary by student	Electronic access to results via Campus
FAST	SAEBRS/MySAEBRS (SEL Screener) Teacher and student-completed inventories that identify students who are at-risk for academic, social, and/or emotional behaviors.	15-30 minutes, times vary by student	For internal school use

Grades PreK-5

	TS GOLD	FAST Early Math	FAST Early Reading	FAST CBM Reading	FAST aMath	FAST aReading	SAEBRS	CogAT		
Preschool	x									
Kindergarten		F,W,S	F,W,S							
First		F,W,S	F,W,S	W, S						
Second				F,W,S			F,S	S		
Third				F,W,S			F,S			
Fourth				F,W,S	F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S	S		
Fifth				F,W,S	F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S			
Sixth					F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S			
Seventh					F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S			
Eighth					F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S			
Ninth					F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S			
Tenth					F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S			
Eleventh					F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S			
Twelveth					F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S			

Grades 6-12

	TS GOLD	FAST Early Math	FAST Early Reading	FAST CBM Reading	FAST aMath	FAST aReading	SAEBRS	CogAT	PSAT	Pre_ACT
Preschool	x									
Kindergarten		F,W,S	F,W,S							
First		F,W,S	F,W,S							
Second				F,S			F,S	S		
Third							F,S			
Fourth					F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S	S		
Fifth					F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S			
Sixth					F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S			
Seventh					F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S			
Eighth					F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S			
Ninth					F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S			F
Tenth					F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S		F	F
Eleventh					F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S		F	
Twelveth					F,W,S	F,W,S	F,S			