

MAST TESTING INFORMATION

Elementary & Middle School Testing
Information Third -- Eighth Grades



WHAT IS MAST TESTING?

MAST is the general mathematics and reading/language arts assessment for academic state achievement. The MAST assessment is aligned to the Montana Content Standards. It is used to provide state, district, school, and individual student achievement information on the state-adopted content standards in math and ELA. It is used by the state to provide a consistent picture of student proficiency and progress across Montana's public schools and private schools seeking accreditation. These tests help measure how well students are mastering grade-level standards in key subject areas. For all students, there are assessments in:

- **English Language Arts (ELA)**
- **Mathematics**
- **Science (5th & 8th graders)**

WHEN WILL TESTING HAPPEN?

There are three testing windows for MAST- November, February, and April. Your child's teacher will share specific testing dates. Each subject test may be given over multiple days to help students perform their best. Every 3-8th grader has 4 math and 2 ELA to do in the first MAST window. 5th & 8th grade will take the science assessment in May.

HOW ARE TESTS GIVEN?

- Students complete the tests online, using their Chromebooks.
- Tests are untimed, allowing students to work at their own pace.
- Teachers provide directions, and a test administrator is always present.
- Students have practice sessions ahead of time to get familiar with the testing tools and format.

HOW CAN PARENTS AND GUARDIANS HELP?

You play an important role in helping your child feel confident and ready!

Here are a few ways to support them:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before test days, and all the time.
- Provide a healthy breakfast each morning.
- Encourage your child to do their best—but remind them it's just one way to show what they know.
- Avoid absences or early checkouts on testing days when possible.

CONTACT ME

If you have questions about MAST Testing or your child's schedule, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school office.