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2023-2024 Testing Calendar

(Note: Updates to these dates will be made as they occur)

College & Career Readiness

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery): The ASVAB is a timed multi-aptitude test and career interest inventory. Scores count towards the Armed Forces Qualifying Test (AFQT) and determine qualification for certain military occupational specialties and enlistment bonuses. In addition, each student's career exploration score will help him/her/them determine their readiness for further education and training in different career areas. Knowing their academic strengths and weaknesses gives each student time to work to improve them before they start a job, begin college/vocational school, or the military. Estimated testing time is 2.5 to 3 hours. The ASVAB is offered in grade 11.

	ASVAB	November 7th, 2023

ACT Test: The ACT college readiness test is a standardized test for high school achievement and college admissions in the United States. The ACT measures high school students' general education development and their capability to complete college-level work with the multiple choice tests covering four areas: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. Estimated testing time, with breaks, is 3.5 to 4 hours. The ACT is offered one time in grade 11.

ACT Practice	February 13th, 2024	
ACT	April 9th, 2024	
ACT Resources for Students and Families	● [OnToCollege: Test Preparation](#) ● [Testing Resources](#) ● [Preparing for the ACT](#) ● [Understanding Your Scores](#)	

District Assessment

FastBridge: The purpose is to allow students (K-11) to be screened to monitor their academic progress in reading and math. Students who are below expected proficiency are identified for further assessment. The results are used to monitor academic progress and provide data for goal setting & school programming effectiveness. Approximately 45 minutes total for all tests per grade level per testing window.

Fall	September 6th, 2023 to October 11th, 2023	
Winter	January 3rd, 2024 to February 8th, 2024	
Spring	April 10th, 2024 to May 15th, 2024	

Statewide Assessment: English Language Proficiency Accountability

ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS: ACCESS is a test administered to English learners in order to measure progress toward meeting Minnesota's standards for English language development. The results are used to support individual student achievement, review for instruction and placement, & district accountability for achievement. Estimated test administration time: Listening/Reading (75 minutes), Writing (75 minutes), and Speaking (15 minutes). Alternate ACCESS is administered to English learners who receive special education services and meet the participation guidelines. The results are used to support individual student achievement, review for instruction and placement, & district accountability for achievement. Estimated test administration time is a variable, as it is based on student needs.

Week 1 February 5-9	12th Grade @ 10:30am complete 1 domain per day, Listening, Reading, Speaking, Writing Wednesday Make-up Test Day	
	Monday: AM is Listening PM is Reading Tuesday AM is Speaking PM is Writing Grade 8 @ 8:15 & 1:10 pm Grade 9 @ 9:30 & 12:10 pm	Thursday: AM is Listening PM is Reading Wednesday AM is Speaking PM is Writing Grade 6 & 7 @ 8:15 & 1:10 pm
Week 2 February 12-16	10 & 11 Grade @ 10:30am complete 1 domain per day, Listening, Reading, Speaking, Writing Wednesday Make-up Test Day	
	Monday: AM is Listening PM is Reading Tuesday AM is Speaking PM Writing Grade 3 @ 8:15 & 12:00 pm	Thursday: AM is Listening PM is Reading Wednesday AM is Speaking PM Writing Grade 4 & 5 @ 8:15 & 12:00 pm
Week 3 February 19-23	Monday is Listening Tuesday is Reading Wednesday is Speaking Thursday is Writing Grade 1 @ 9:30 am Grade 2 @ 8:20 am	Kinder & Alternate Access Starting @ 12 pm

Statewide Assessment: Standards-Based Accountability

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA)/Minnesota Tests of Academic Skills (MTAS): The purpose of the MCA is to monitor student achievement and curriculum in math (3rd-8th & 11th), reading (3rd-8th & 10th), and science (5th, 8th, and 10th). Both the MCA and MTAS meet the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The results are used to support individual student achievement, review for instruction and placement, & district accountability for achievement. Estimated test administration time: Reading (2-3.5 hours), Math (1.5-2.5 hours), & Science (1.75-2 hours). The MTAS is administered to students who receive special education services and meet eligibility criteria. Results from these assessments will be shared with parent(s)/guardian(s) via the Individual Student Reports (ISRs) during fall conferences (November 21st @12:00-7:00pm). ISRs will be mailed home by December 8th, 2023.

Week I 4/16 & 4/18 4/15 & 4/19	● 3rd Grade through 8th Grade MCA Reading ● 10th grade MCA Reading (EA)
Week II 4/23 & 4/25 *Make-Up Days* 4/22, 4/24 & 4/26	● 3rd Grade through 8th Grade and 11th grade MCA Math ● 10th grade MCA Reading
Week III 4/29 & 4/30 5/2 & 5/3	● District MTAS (M & T) ● Make-up Days ● MCA Science (EA)
Week IV 5/6 & 5/7 *Make-Up Days* 5/8, 5/9, 5/10	● 5th, 8th, & 10th Grade MCA Science

Maintaining the integrity of tests and test items is of great importance to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). Improper or unethical behavior by students or educators undermines the validity of test score interpretation. Please report suspected incidents of cheating or piracy of test items by using the Minnesota Statewide Test Security Tip Line.

Parent/Guardian Guide and Refusal for Student Participation in Statewide Testing (PDF Form)

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