

# Minneapolis Public School Assessment Calendar 2024–2025



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Assessment	Required By	Estimated Time	Fall Test Dates	Winter Test Dates	Spring Test Dates*	Required Grade Levels (*Some grades are optional in Spring)
<a href="#">FastBridge (earlyReading and earlyMath)</a>	MPS	10 minutes each	Aug. 26 – Oct. 4, 2024	Jan. 6 – Jan. 31, 2025	May 5 – May 30, 2025	Kindergarten and Grade 1
<a href="#">FastBridge (aReading and aMath)</a> •	MPS	15 – 30 minutes each	Sept. 9 – Oct. 4, 2024	Jan. 6 – Jan. 31, 2025	May 5 – May 30, 2025*	Grades 2–9*
<a href="#">FastBridge AUTOreading</a> •	MPS	5 minutes	Sept. 9 – Oct. 4, 2024	Jan. 6 – Jan. 31, 2025	May 5 – May 30, 2025*	Grades 6–9*
<a href="#">FastBridge CBMReading</a>	MPS	5 minutes	Sept. 9 – Oct. 4, 2024	Jan. 6 – Jan. 31, 2025	May 5 – May 30, 2025*	Grades 2–5*
<a href="#">CogAT</a> •	MPS	3 hours	TBD			Students flagged for Advanced Learner screening in grades 2–5
<a href="#">ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs</a> •	State of MN	Listening: 40 min; Reading: 35 min; Speaking: 30 min; Writing: 50–65 min		Jan. 27 – March 21, 2025		K–12 students identified as English Learners
<a href="#">NAEP</a>	State of MN	2 hours		Jan. 27 – March 7, 2025		Only required at NAEP–identified testing sites; schools will be contacted directly
<a href="#">MCA Math</a> •	State of MN	1.5–3 hours			March 3 – May 2, 2025	Grades 3–8; 11
<a href="#">MCA Reading</a> •	State of MN	2.5–3.5 hours			March 3 – May 2, 2025	Grades 3–8; 10
<a href="#">MCA Science</a> •	State of MN	1.5–3 hours			March 3 – May 9, 2025	Grades 5, 8; High School Science MCA will be administered to all students <i>completing</i> Life Science credit
<a href="#">MTAS Math</a> (Spec Ed)	State of MN	30–60 minutes			March 3 – May 2, 2025	Grades 3–8; 11
<a href="#">MTAS Reading</a> (Spec Ed)	State of MN	45–90 minutes			March 3 – May 2, 2025	Grades 3–8; 10
<a href="#">Science Alternate MCA</a> (Spec Ed)	State of MN	30–60 minutes			March 3 – May 2, 2025	Grades 5, 8; High School Science Alt. MCA should be administered when the life science standard is met
<a href="#">ACT with Writing Exam</a> •	MPS				April 8 – 11, 2025	Grade 11
<a href="#">Civics Exam – Graduation Requirement</a>	State of MN	50 questions	Ongoing			Grade 9
<a href="#">Grade 8 Physical Science</a>	MPS	General: 50 minutes ELL: 90 minutes	Ongoing			Grade 8

Click on the Assessment Name to get more information about each Assessment. See [here](#) for assessment information by grade level. **\*In Spring, FastBridge aReading, aMath, AUTOreading, and CBMReading are optional for grades 4–8.** •Computer Delivered Format for majority. Alternate ACCESS (grades K–12), Kindergarten and students with accommodations may be able to test on paper.

**Notes:**

State of MN required tests are not included in testing time limits

This list and calendar reflects only District/State required assessments  
 There are additional assessment requirements for students receiving interventions

Assessment Name	Description & Purpose	Format	Rationale	Source of Requirement	More Information
ACCESS for ELLs/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	ACCESS for ELLs test items are written from the model performance indicators of WIDA's five English Language Proficiency (ELP) standards: Social & Instructional Language, Language of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies and test forms are divided into five grade level clusters (testing grades 1-12).	Online. Paper-based per IEP/504 accommodations only.	Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)	<a href="#">Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)</a>	<a href="#">WIDA Brochure for Parents ACCESS Parent Fact Sheet (8/2018)</a>
ACT	The purpose of the ACT test is to measure a high school student's readiness for college, and provide colleges with one common data point that can be used to compare all applicants.	Online	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30	<a href="#">Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30</a>	<a href="#">Questions?</a>
Civics Exam	All students must take and pass a civics exam before graduating. Passing is 30+ out of 50 questions correct. Students cannot be prevented from graduating, if they do not pass the test. The civics exam connects to a broad set of social studies standards.	The test may be translated into other languages for EL students.	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.02, subdivision 3	<a href="#">Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.02, subdivision 3</a>	<a href="#">MN Department of Education</a>
CogAT	CogAT is an assessment used as part of the Advanced Learner Identification process.	Online. Paper-based per IEP/504 accommodations only.	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.11.2	<a href="#">Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.11.2</a>	
FastBridge	FastBridge assessments will be used as district-wide universal screeners for all students K-9 in order to assess students' reading and math skills. The <a href="#">FastBridge earlyReading and earlyMath</a> assessments will be given to Kindergarten and 1st grade students. The aReading and aMath assessments will be given to students in grades 2-9. Students in grades 6-9 will also take the AUToreading assessment.	- aReading & aMath: online and adaptive - earlyReading, earlyMath, & CBMReading: one-on-one administration - AUToreading: online administration	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.11.2 and READ Act	<a href="#">Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.11.2</a> and <a href="#">Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.12 (READ Act)</a>	<a href="#">FastBridge Assessments in Minneapolis Public Schools</a> <a href="#">MDE Universal Literacy and Dyslexia Screening Guidance</a>

MCA	MCA measures the success of instruction based on the Minnesota Academic Standards. Results can be used to see if students are mastering key content knowledge and attain the skills necessary for future success in education and the workforce. *Reading and Math are adaptive tests. Science is linear (same test for each student).	Online. Paper-based per IEP/504 accommodations only.	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESEA	<a href="#">Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)</a>	<a href="#">MDE/Students and Families/Statewide Testing</a>
MTAS	MTAS is a performance-based assessment in reading, mathematics and science for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. It is the alternate assessment to the MCA, and has substantial reductions in the complexity of the academic content standards	Paper-based per IEP/504 accommodations only.	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESEA	<a href="#">Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)</a>	<a href="#">MTAS</a> (scroll to middle of page) <a href="#">MTAS Parent Fact Sheet</a> (08/2018)
NAEP	The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is a measure of academic progress across the nation and over time. NAEP is a congressionally mandated program administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the US Department of Education and the Institute of Education Sciences. Only a subset of schools and grade levels are required to participate each year.	Online	ESEA	<a href="#">Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)</a>	Learn more about the NAEP program at <a href="https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/">https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/</a>
Grade 8 Physical Science		Online	Minnesota Statutes, Section 120B.02	<a href="#">Minnesota Statutes, Section 120B.02</a>	
Star Spanish	Star Spanish is an assessment designed to measure students' language skills, including reading comprehension, listening comprehension, oral proficiency, and writing proficiency in Spanish. Students in Grades K-1 will take the Star Early Literacy assessment which assesses foundational skills.	Online	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.11.2 and READ Act	<a href="#">Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.11.2 and Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.12 (READ Act)</a>	

**FastBridge earlyReading and earlyMath Required Subtests**

Grade	Assessment	Fall Subtests	Winter Subtests	Spring Subtests
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Kindergarten	earlyReading	Concepts of Print Onset Sounds Letter Names Letter Sounds Word Segmenting	Onset Sounds Letter Sounds Word Segmenting Nonsense Words Letter Names	Letter Sounds Word Segmenting Nonsense Words Sight Words Letter Names
	earlyMath	Match Quantity Number Sequence - K Numeral Identification - K	Decomposing - K Number Sequence - K Numeral Identification - K	Decomposing - K Number Sequence - K Numeral Identification - K
Grade 1	earlyReading	Word Segmenting Nonsense Words Sight Words Sentence Reading	Word Segmenting Nonsense Words Sight Words CBMReading	Word Segmenting Nonsense Words Sight Words CBMReading
	earlyMath	Decomposing - 1 Number Sequence - 1 Numeral Identification - 1	Decomposing - 1 Number Sequence - 1 Place Value	Decomposing - 1 Place Value Story Problems

### Statewide Testing Results

For spring ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS and MCA/MTAS testing, scores are embargoed until August/September each year. Individual Student Reports (ISRs) are provided to families in October.

If you are interested in District or school level results, please visit the MN Department of Education's [MN Report Card](#) for detailed information.

**MPS Spanish Dual Language Assessment Calendar: Applicable only to Emerson, Green Central, Las Estrellas, and the Dual Language Program at Andersen**

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