



2021 - 2022
VOAHS Testing Calendar

FAST

(For 10th grade students)
April 19th & 20th 2022
Make-up April 26th 2022

ACCESS

(For EL students)
February 7th - 11th 2022

ACT4ALL

11th grade students
April 26th 2022

MCA 3

Reading (For 10th grade students)
March 7th - 11th 2022

Math (For 11th grade students)
March 14th - 18th 2022

Science (For Bio students)
March 21st - 22nd 2022

MCA Make UPs
March 23rd - 24th 2022

**Test dates are subject to change and not all students are required to take every test. Students and their families will be notified regarding which tests they are scheduled to take.*

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School Testing Calendars

Assessment			Required By	Time (estimated)	Test Dates	Grade Level												
						K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
F	K & 1st grade Literacy (FAST earlyReading)	MPS - Assessments		10 minutes	Aug. 23 - Sept. 24, 2021													
A	K & 1st grade Math (CoM)	MPS - Teaching & Learning		15-20 minutes	Aug. 23 - Sept. 24, 2021													
L	FAST• (aReading & aMath)	MPS - Assessments		15 - 30 minutes each	Sept. 15 - Oct. 8, 2021													
L	FAST• (FASTTrack Reading & Math)	MPS - Assessments		35 minutes each	Sept. 15 - Oct. 8, 2021													
	Civics Exam - Graduation Requirement	State of Minnesota		50 questions; No Opt-Out Option	Ongoing													
W	CogAT	MPS - Teaching & Learning		Gr 2, 3 & 5 Screener: 1 hour. Gr 4 Full Test: 3 hours	Oct. 25 - Nov. 4, 2021													
I	K & 1st grade Literacy (FAST earlyReading)	MPS - Assessments		10 minutes	Dec. 6 - Jan. 14, 2022													
N	K & 1st grade Math (CoM)	MPS - Teaching & Learning		15-25 minutes	Dec. 6 - Jan. 14, 2022													
T	FAST• (aReading & aMath)	MPS - Assessments		15-30 minutes each	Dec. 6 - Jan. 14, 2022													
E	FAST• (FASTTrack Reading & Math)	MPS - Assessments		35 minutes each	Dec. 6 - Jan. 14, 2022													
R	ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs •	State of Minnesota		Listening: 40 minutes, Reading: 35 minutes, Speaking: 30 minutes, Writing: 50-65 minutes	Jan. 31 - March 25, 2022													
	MCA Math •	State of Minnesota		1.5-3 hours	March 7 - May 6, 2022													
	MCA Reading •	State of Minnesota		2.5-3.5 hours	March 7 - May 6, 2022													
	MCA Science ••	State of Minnesota		1.5-3 hours	March 7 - May 13, 2022													
S	MTAS Math (Spec Ed)	State of Minnesota		30-60 minutes	March 7 - May 6, 2022													
P	MTAS Reading (Spec Ed)	State of Minnesota		45-90 minutes	March 7 - May 6, 2022													
R	MTAS Science (Spec Ed) **	State of Minnesota		30-60 minutes	March 7 - May 6, 2022													
I	ACT with Writing Exam	MPS - College & Career		(not included in MN Statute testing time limitations)	April 19, 2022													
N	K & 1st grade Literacy (FAST earlyReading)	MPS - Assessments		10 minutes	April 25 - May 20, 2022													
G	K & 1st grade Math (CoM)	MPS - Teaching & Learning		15-25 minutes	April 25 - May 20, 2022													
	FAST• (aReading & aMath)	MPS - Assessments		15-30 minutes each	April 25 - May 20, 2022													
	FAST• (FASTTrack Reading & Math)	MPS - Assessments		35 minutes each	April 25 - May 20, 2022													
	Grade 8 Physical Science	MPS - Teaching & Learning		General: 50 minutes ELL: 90 minutes	ongoing													

This list and calendar reflects only District/State surveys. Community-based organizations, researchers (based on Principal approval, by school), and schools may have other assessments/surveys

KEY

 = testing at this grade is required.

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 = testing at this grade is at the school's discretion, except when required by School Improvement Plan, specific grant, or program evaluation.

 = CogAT is an assessment used as part of the Advanced Learner Identification process in MPS. It is given to all second graders and students referred for screening in grades K, 1, 3 and 4.

 = testing is required for any student who has been identified as an English Language Learner.

• Computer Delivered Format for majority. Alternate ACCESS (grades 1-12), Kindergarten and students with accommodations may be able to test on paper.

* High School MCA Science will be administered to all students completing Life Science credit (grades 9-12).

** For grades 9-12, the Science MTAS should be administered when the life science standard is met. The IEP team determines the most appropriate year for a high school student to take the Science MTAS.

Assessment Name	Description & Purpose	Format	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.	WIDA Brochure for Parents ACCESS Parent Fact Sheet (8/2018)
ACT		Online	Questions? Contact Derek Francis (Derek.Francis@mpls.k12.mn.us)
Civics Exam	Beginning with students enrolled in 9th grade, 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.	MN Department of Education
CogAT	For school year 21-22, fifth graders who have not previously been screened and all second and third graders will take the screener (1 hr). Fourth grade students referred by teacher or parent will take the full CogAT (3 hours). CogAT is an assessment used as part of the Advanced Learner Identification process.	Online. Paper-based per IEP/504 accommodations only.	Questions? Contact Christina Ramsey (Christina.Ramsey@mpls.k12.mn.us)
COM	Concepts of Math (COM) is a Teaching and Learning Math screening tool for Kindergarten and 1st grade, used to drive instruction.		For questions, please contact Marium Toure (Mariam.Toure@mpls.k12.mn.us).

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FAST	FAST will be used as a district-wide universal screener for all students K-9 in order to assess students' broad reading and math skills. The FAST earlyReading assessment will be given to Kindergarten and 1st grade students and the aReading and aMath assessments will be given to students in grades 2-5. Grades 6-9 will be given the FASTTrack Reading and Math assessments (which include aReading and aMath)	- FASTTrack Reading & Math: online and adaptive - aReading & aMath: online and adaptive - earlyReading: one-on-one administration	FAST Assessments in Minneapolis Public Schools
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.	MDE/Students and Families/Statewide Testing
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.	MTAS (scroll to middle of page) MTAS Parent Fact Sheet (08/2018)
Grade 8 Physical Science		Online	Questions? Contact Jenn Rose jennifer.rose@mpls.k12.mn.us .

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