

Minneapolis Public Schools Assessment Calendar 2019-2020 *TENTATIVE*



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	Assessment	Required By	Time (estimated)	Test Dates	Grade Level														
					K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
	Common Language Assessment	MPS - Multilingual	30-40 minutes	Sept. 3 - Sept. 27, 2019	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆									
F A L L	Kindergarten Literacy (FAST earlyReading)	MPS - Assessments	10 minutes	Aug. 26 - Sept. 27, 2019	■	■													
	Kindergarten Math (COM)	MPS - Teaching & Learning	15-20 minutes	Aug. 26 - Sept. 27, 2019	■	■													
	FAST• (aReading & aMath)	MPS - Assessments	15 - 30 minutes each	Sept. 10 - Oct. 4, 2019		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					
	MAP• (Reading & Math)	MPS - Assessments	45 minutes each	Sept. 10 - Oct. 4, 2019											■				
	Civics Exam - Graduation Requirement	State of Minnesota	50 questions; No Opt-Out Option	Ongoing													■		
W I N T E R	CogAT	MPS - Teaching & Learning	G2 Screener: 1 hour/K,1, 3, 4 Full Test: 3 hours	Oct. 21 - Nov. 8, 2019	●	●	●	●	●										
	Common Language Assessment	MPS - Multilingual	30-40 minutes	Dec. 2 - Dec. 13, 2019	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆									
	FAST• (aReading & aMath)	MPS - Assessments	15-30 minutes each	Dec. 9 - Jan. 16, 2020		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					
	MAP• (High School Only)	MPS - Assessments	45 minutes each	Dec. 9 - Jan. 16, 2020												■			
	Kindergarten Literacy (FAST earlyReading)	MPS - Assessments	10 minutes	Dec. 9 - Jan. 16, 2020	■	■													
	Kindergarten Math (COM)	MPS - Teaching & Learning	15-25 minutes	Dec. 9 - Jan. 16, 2020	■	■													
	ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs •	State of Minnesota	Listening: 40 minutes. Reading: 35 minutes. Speaking: 30 minutes. Writing: 50-65 minutes	Jan. 27 - March 20, 2020	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
S P R I N G	MCA Math •	State of Minnesota	1.5-3 hours	March 2 - May 1, 2019				■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■		
	MCA Reading •	State of Minnesota	2.5-3.5 hours	March 2 - May 1, 2019				■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■		
	MCA Science •*	State of Minnesota	1.5-3 hours	March 2 - May 8, 2019						■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
	MTAS Math (Spec Ed)	State of Minnesota	30-60 minutes	March 2 - May 1, 2019				■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■		
	MTAS Reading (Spec Ed)	State of Minnesota	45-90 minutes	March 2 - May 1, 2019				■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■		
	MTAS Science (Spec Ed) **	State of Minnesota	30-60 minutes	March 2 - May 1, 2019						■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
	ACT with Writing Exam	MPS - College & Career	(not included in MN Statute testing time limitations)	May 24, 2020														■	
C O M M O N	Common Language Assessment	MPS - Multilingual	30-40 minutes	April 28 - May 15, 2020	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆									
	Kindergarten Literacy (FAST earlyReading)	MPS - Assessments	10 minutes	April 28 - May 22, 2020	■	■													
	Kindergarten Math (COM)	MPS - Teaching & Learning	15-25 minutes	April 28 - May 22, 2020	■	■													
	FAST• (aReading & aMath)	MPS - Assessments	15-30 minutes each	April 28 - May 22, 2020		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				
	MAP• (Reading & Math)	MPS - Assessments	45 minutes each	April 28 - May 22, 2020												■			
	Grade 8 Physical Science	MPS - Teaching & Learning	General: 50 minutes ELL: 90 minutes													■			

*Click on the Assessment Name to get more information about each Assessment. For Assessment information by grade level, click on the grade level at the top of the page

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

KEY

-  = testing at this grade is required.
-  = testing at this grade is at school's discretion, except when required by School Improvement Plan, specific grant, or program evaluation.
-  = [CogAT](#) is required for any student in **grades K, 1, 3, & 4** who have been referred for advanced learner identification screening. Families have the option of refusing in K, 1, 3, 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, or paper based accommodations	WIDA Brochure for Parents ACCESS Parent Fact Sheet (8/2017)
ACT	<u>On May 7, 2018, Citywide Student Government voted to move the ACT for All to April 24, 2019, with no make-up date.</u>		Questions? Contact James Bierma (James.Bierma@mpls.k12.mn.us)
Civics Exam	Beginning with students enrolled in 9th grade in school year 2017-2018, 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	All second graders and students referred for screening in grades K, 1, 3 and 4.	Online, or paper-based	Questions? Contact Christina Ramsey



		accommodations	(Christina.Ramsey@mpls.k12.mn.us)
COM	Concepts of Math (COM) is a Teaching and Learning Math assessment for Kindergarten used to drive instruction.		For questions, please contact Marium Toure (Marium.Toure@mpls.k12.mn.us).
Common Language Assessment	Starting in 2018-2019, all Elementary English Language Learner students will take the Common Language Assessments to serve as a uniform measure for growth towards proficiency in Academic English. Assessments will be administered in small groups with the student's EL teacher and will serve as a tool to inform instruction, monitor growth in proficiency and communicate with parents. These short, engaging, progress monitoring tools will be administered three times per year.		For questions, please contact Kate McNulty (Katherine.Mcnulty@mpls.k12.mn.us)
FAST	FAST will be used as district-wide universal screener for all students K-8 in order to assess students' broad reading and math skills. The FAST earlyReading assessment will be given to Kindergarten students and the aReading and aMath assessments will be given to students in grades 1-8.	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 attaining 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, or paper based accommodations.	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	MTAS (scroll to middle of page) MTAS Parent Fact Sheet (08/2017)
MAP	MAP Reading and Math assessments will be used as district-wide universal screening assessments for students in grade 9.	Online and adaptive	
Grade 8 Physical Science		Online	Questions? Contact Jenn Rose (jennifer.rose@mpls.k12.mn.us).