



# MTCS Testing Calendar and Assessments

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K-12 Academic Community

\* State Required Test

Dates	Assessment	Grade	Use/Site	Estimated Time
<b>2021</b>				
September 10-28th	NWEA: Reading and Math	Grades K-12	District Assessment	2 hour
Sept 6th-Oct 31st	Renaissance Star 360	Grades K-11	Connections Academy Only	1 hour
<b>2022</b>				
January 15 – Feb. 1	NWEA: Reading and Math	Grades K-12	District Assessment	2 hours
Jan 24th – March 8	Access (online)	K-12 All ELL	*State Exam-All	4 hours
Jan 31st-March 25th	Renaissance Star 360	Grades K-11	Connections Academy Only	1 Hour
March 8th	ACT	Grade 11	College Entrance Exam	4.5-5 hours
March 7th-May 6th	MTAS Reading, Math, Science	Grades 7-11	*State Exam	Varies by student
March 7th-May 6th	MCA Science	HS & 8	*State Exam	1.5-2.5 hours
March 7th-May 6th	MCA Reading	Grade 7 & 8, 10	*State Exam	2-3 hours
March 7th-May 6th	MCA Math	Grade 7 & 8, 11	*State Exam	1.5-2.5 hours
May 2nd-6th	MCA Reading & Math	Make Up Day	*State Exam	2-3 hours
May 2nd-6th	MCA Science	Make up Day	*State Exam	1.5-2.5 hours
May 3rd-June 4th	Renaissance Star 360	K-11	Connections Academy Only	1 Hour
May 16th-27th	NWEA: Reading and Math	Grades K-11	District Assessment	2 hours

*Click Here for a detailed list of each schools exact testing days, times, and locations*

## Purpose and Rationale of Statewide Assessments

Our MTCS assessments provide data to help make instructional decisions, including qualification for interventions, Tier 2/Title Funded Programming, resource classes and academic achievement opportunities.

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Test Name & Test Dates	Grades Tested	Objectives and Use	Estimated Time
*Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners (ACCESS)	K-12 English Learners	ACCESS for ELLs is given annually to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English. <b>Statewide Assessments</b>	All Components 2-3 hours
Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Northwest Evaluation Association	K-11	This computerized test is given in fall and spring to measure students' growth in meeting the state standards. Some schools test some	NWEA Reading 60 minutes NWEA Math

		students in the winter to measure progress.	60 minutes
Renaissance Star 360-Connections Academy Only	K-11	Interim assessments for early literacy, math, and reading helping determine the best instruction to meet the needs of all students. It is a formative assessment tool, gives educators daily insight into student performance.	60 minutes
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) Reading: Grades 3-8, 10 Math: Grades 3-8, 11 Science 8 & HS Science 5	3-8, 10 & 11	These are assessments required by the state of MN to measure student growth, closing achievement gaps, and school and district progress at meeting state standards.	MCA Reading 3.5 hours MCA Math 1.5-2 Hours MCA Science 1.75-2 Hours
*Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS)	IEP Students 3-8, 10 & 11	These are alternative state assessments available for students with disabilities whose Individual Education Plan (IEP) states they need an alternative assessment.	Reading MTAS 45-90 minutes Math MTAS 30-60 minutes Science MTAS 30-60 minutes
College & Career Ready Assessments: ACT Plus Writing	11 & 12	Districts provide this free to students who have not had this opportunity to measure how well they are prepared for college and career opportunities after high school.	4.5 Hours

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Purposes of Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments and ACCESS testing:

1. To measure achievement towards meeting the Minnesota Academic Standards (for the Standards-Based Accountability Assessments) and to measure progress towards meeting Minnesota's Standards for English Language Development (for English Language Proficiency Assessments)
2. To measure the academic progress of students over time.
3. To provide Minnesota graduates information related to career and college readiness.
4. ACT plus Writing
5. MTCS ACT for Juniors. All juniors will take an official ACT with Writing during the school day. Please contact MTS Secondary for more information (952-843-9040).