



Dear Families,

Each spring, the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) administers statewide assessments. The tests (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment -MCA) are reading, mathematics, and science standards-based assessments used to meet federal and state legislative requirements. These assessments measure achievement of the Minnesota Academic Standards. They are designed to provide the state, districts, and schools with a snapshot of student progress towards meeting the Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards.

MDE is aware of the concerns about the impact of the pandemic on learning, and is expecting student results to look different from previous years. When the assessment is administered correctly, the scores will still represent what learning has taken place. Schools can use the results as an additional measure to evaluate their curriculum.

The MCA must be taken at school, even if your student is in distance learning.

North Flex Academy is taking safety measures to ensure students and staff stay safe and healthy during testing. The computer lab has been rearranged to allow for appropriate distancing. Everyone will need to wear a mask. We have an air filtering machine in the computer lab. The computers, tables, and chairs are disinfected after each group leaves.

We are asking you to bring your child in during the following assigned dates. All tests will begin at **1:15**. Please be on time. We will finish at **3:15**. Please have your child bring a book to read in case they finish early.

**Grade 3 and 4** : Reading, April 12 and April 15

Math, April 20 and April 22

**Grade 5** : Reading, April 14 and April 16

Math, April 26 and April 28

Science, April 30

**Grade 6**: Reading, April 14 and April 16

Math, April 26 and April 28

**Grade 7:** Reading, April 19 and April 21  
Math, April 27 and April 29

**Grade 8:** Reading, April 19 and April 21  
Math, April 27 and April 29  
Science, April 30

If your student is in distance learning and you do not want your student to go into the school to test because of concerns for health and safety related to COVID-19, you can choose for your student to not take the test. If you do not want your student to participate, let your child's teacher know.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Crowley

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