ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

NWEA: MAP Growth (NWEA) tests are important to teachers because they measure academic progress and growth overtime in reading and math. The tests allow teachers to know where a student's strengths are; or if help might be needed in any specific areas. Teachers use this information to help guide individual and group instruction in the classroom. The results of these tests are utilized for instructional purposes only. The tests are administered to grades K-8.

NWEA AND CBM SCREENER: These are brief computer and one-on-one assessments to help the teachers to know the strengths of each student and where instruction should be focused.

ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs® is a standards-based, criterion referenced English language proficiency test designed to measure English language learners' social and academic proficiency in English. It assesses social and instructional English as well as the language associated with language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The assessment provides information that can be used to enhance instruction and learning for English Learners.

MCA and MTAS*:* 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. Reading and Math tests are administered to grades 3-8. Science tests are administered to grades 5 and 8.

Below is our tentative timeline for testing.

Testing Schedule 2021-2022:

NWEA and CBM screening:
September 7-9: Grades K-8

Fall NWEA:
September 12 – Oct. 30: Grades K-8

Winter NWEA:

January 9– February 10: Grades K-8

Spring NWEA testing:
May 8 – May 26: Grades K-8

ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs:
February 13-24: Kindergarten
February 21 – March 2, Grades 1-5: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking
March 6 -9 Grades 6-8: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking
March 20-24: Makeups for all grades

MCA and MTAS testing:
March 27 0 April 14: Reading Grade 3-8
April 12 – April 28: Math Grade 3-8
May 1 -5: Grade 3 and 8 Science, makeups