

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

FASTBRIDGE: The FastBridge Screeners checks the student's performance three times a year for all students in grades K-8. This screening allows teachers to know where a student's strengths are; or what help may be needed in any specific areas. Teachers use this information to help guide individual and group instruction in the classroom.

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 2023 – 2024

Fall FastBridge Screeners: Grades K-8

September 5 – September 29:

Winter FastBridge Screeners:

January 4 – January 25

Spring FastBridge Screeners:

May 7 – May 31

ACCESS Testing - Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking

January 29 – February 9: Kindergarten

February 7 – February 23: Grades 1-5

February 26 – March 7: Grades 6-8

Makeups Until March 22

MCA and MTAS testing:

March 25 - April 12: Reading Grade 3-8

April 10– April 30: Math Grade 3-8

May 1 - 3 Grade 3 and 8 Science, makeups