

School Year 2026/27 Testing Calendar

Fall FastBridge Assessments: September 22nd - October 2nd 2026

Winter FastBridge Assessments: January 11th - January 22nd, 2027

Spring FastBridge Assessments: May 17th - June 4th, 2027

MCA Reading for 3rd - 5th grade - Week of April 19th - 23th, 2027

MCA Math for 3rd - 5th grade - Week of April 26th - 30th, 2027

MCA Science for 5th grade only - Week of May 3rd - May 7th, 2027

Test	Grade Level	Typical Date	Purpose	Dissemination of Results
FastBridge Assessments earlyReading	K - 1st Grade	3 times per year (Fall, Winter, Spring) Assessment Administration time: 10 - 15 min	To screen and monitor students' progress in developing reading skills. The test is administered individually by the teacher. It assesses concepts of print, phonemic awareness, alphabetic principles, phonics, and fluency.	The scores are used by individual teachers as formative assessments. The scores are used to qualify students for interventions or are sometimes used in Special Education Evaluations. Scores are also used to show progress in the MN Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act
FastBridge Assessments earlyMath	K - 1st Grade	3 times per year (Fall, Winter, Spring) Assessment Administration time: 10 - 15 min	To screen and monitor students' progress in developing math skills. The test is administered individually by the teacher. It assesses recognizing and matching numerals/quantities, sequence of numbers, counting objects, and verbal addition/subtraction	The scores are used by individual teachers as formative assessments. The scores are used to qualify students for interventions or are sometimes used in Special Education Evaluations.
FastBridge Assessment aReading	2nd - 5th Grade	3 times per year (Fall, Winter, Spring) Assessment Administration time: 20 - 30 min	To screen students' broad reading abilities. It is a computer-adaptive test. Students complete the test individually on a computer. It assesses foundational skills, language, reading literature and informational reading	The scores are used by individual teachers as formative assessments. The scores are used to qualify students for interventions or are sometimes used in Special Education Evaluations. Scores are also used to show progress in the MN Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act
FastBridge Assessments aMath	2nd - 5th Grade	3 times per year (Fall, Winter, Spring) Assessment Administration time: 20 - 30 min	To screen students' broad math abilities. It is a computer adaptive test. Students complete the test individually on a computer. It assesses number and operations, counting and cardinality, algebraic thinking, measurement and data, and geometry	The scores are used by individual teachers as formative assessments. The scores are used to qualify students for interventions or are sometimes used in Special Education Evaluations.
MCA Reading	3rd - 5th Grade	March - May Assessment Administration time: About 2 hours over multiple days	The MCA (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment) is the MN state standardized test for reading, math and science. All students in 3rd - 8th grade except for those students whose parents have opted them out are given this test. The results are used to hold the school accountable to the	Scores are shared with staff and emailed to parents as soon as they are available in late August/early September.

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MCA Math	3rd - 5th Grade	March - May Assessment Administration time: About 2 hours over multiple days	The MCA (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment) is the MN state standardized test for reading, math and science. All students in 3rd - 8th grade except for those students whose parents have opted them out are given this test. The results are used to hold the school accountable to the state, its parents and its authorizer.	Scores are shared with staff and emailed to parents as soon as they are available in late August/early September.
MCA Science	5th Grade Only	March - May Assessment Administration time: About 2 hours over multiple days	The MCA (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment) is the MN state standardized test for reading, math and science. All students in 3rd - 8th grade except for those students whose parents have opted them out are given this test. The results are used to hold the school accountable to the state, its parents and its authorizer.	Scores are shared with staff and emailed to parents as soon as they are available in late August/early September.
MTAS	3rd - 5th Grade	March - May Assessment administration time: About 2 hours over multiple days	Minnesota Test of Academic Skills is offered to students' as required by their IEP	Scores are shared with staff and emailed to parents as soon as they are available in late August/early September.
WIDA Access for ELL	K-5th Grade	January - March Assessment administration time: About 2 hours over multiple days	The WIDA test is used to assess an English Language Learner. Families are given home language questionnaires when enrolling which self identifies students as English language learners. This test is used to measure English skills and growth over time.	Scores are shared with staff and emailed to parents as soon as they are available in late August/early September.