

# Minneapolis Public Schools Assessment Calendar 2018-2019



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Click on the Assessment Name to get more information about each assessment. For Assessment information by grade level, click on the grade level and follow the link.

	Assessment	Required By	Time (estimated)	Test Dates	Grade Level													
					K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
F A L L	<a href="#">Kindergarten Literacy (FAST earlyReading)</a>	MPS - Assessments	10 minutes	Aug. 27 - Sept. 28, 2018	■	■												
	<a href="#">Kindergarten Math (COM)</a>	MPS - Teaching & Learning	15-20 minutes	Aug. 27 - Sept. 28, 2018	■	■												
	<a href="#">FAST• (aReading &amp; aMath)</a>	MPS - Assessments	15 - 30 minutes each	Sept. 11 - Oct. 2, 2018		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				
	<a href="#">MAP• (Reading &amp; Math)</a>	MPS - Assessments	45 minutes each	Sept. 11 - Oct. 2, 2018													■	
	<a href="#">Civics Exam - Graduation Requirement</a>	State of Minnesota	50 questions; No Opt-Out Option	Ongoing													■	
W I N T E R	<a href="#">CogAT</a>	MPS - Teaching & Learning	G2 Screener: 1 hour/K,1, 3, 4 Full Test: 3 hours	Nov. 26 - Dec. 7, 2018	●	●	●	●										
	<a href="#">FAST• (aReading &amp; aMath)</a>	MPS - Assessments	15-30 minutes each	Dec. 10 - Jan. 18, 2019		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				
	<a href="#">MAP• (High School Only)</a>	MPS - Assessments	45 minutes each	Dec. 10 - Jan. 18, 2019													■	
	<a href="#">Kindergarten Literacy (FAST earlyReading)</a>	MPS - Assessments	10 minutes	Dec. 10 - Jan. 18, 2019	■	■												
	<a href="#">Kindergarten Math (COM)</a>	MPS - Teaching & Learning	15-25 minutes	Dec. 10 - Jan. 18, 2019	■	■												
	<a href="#">ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs •</a>	State of Minnesota	Listening: 40 minutes. Reading: 35 minutes. Speaking: 30 minutes. Writing: 50-65 minutes	Jan. 28 - March 22, 2019	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
S P R I N G	<a href="#">MCA Math •</a>	State of Minnesota	1.5-3 hours	March 4 - May 3, 2019				■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■	
	<a href="#">MCA Reading •</a>	State of Minnesota	2.5-3.5 hours	March 4 - May 3, 2019				■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■	
	<a href="#">MCA Science •*</a>	State of Minnesota	1.5-3 hours	March 4 - May 10, 2019						■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
	<a href="#">MTAS Math (Spec Ed)</a>	State of Minnesota	30-60 minutes	March 4 - May 3, 2019				■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■	
	<a href="#">MTAS Reading (Spec Ed)</a>	State of Minnesota	45-90 minutes	March 4 - May 3, 2019				■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■	
	<a href="#">MTAS Science (Spec Ed)**</a>	State of Minnesota	30-60 minutes	March 4 - May 10, 2019						■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
	<a href="#">ACT with Writing Exam</a>	MPS - College & Career	(not included in MN Statute testing time limitations)	April 24, 2019													■	
	<a href="#">Kindergarten Literacy (FAST earlyReading)</a>	MPS - Assessments	10 minutes	April 30 - May 24, 2019	■	■												
	<a href="#">Kindergarten Math (COM)</a>	MPS - Teaching & Learning	15-25 minutes	April 30 - May 24, 2019	■	■												
	<a href="#">FAST• (aReading &amp; aMath)</a>	MPS - Assessments	15-30 minutes each	April 30 - May 24, 2019		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
<a href="#">MAP• (Reading &amp; Math)</a>	MPS - Assessments	45 minutes each	April 30 - May 24, 2019													■		
<a href="#">Grade 8 Physical Science</a>	MPS - Teaching & Learning	General: 50 minutes ELL: 90 minutes	May 13 - June 7, 2019													■		

\*This list and calendar reflects only District/State assessments. Community-based organizations and researchers (based on Principal approval, by school) may have other assessments/surveys\*

## KEY

= testing at this grade is required.

= testing at this grade is at school's discretion, except where required by SIP, specific grant, or program evaluation.

= [CogAT](#) is required for any student in **grades K, 1, 3, & 4** who have been referred for advanced learner identification screening. Families have the option of refusing in K, 1, 3, 4.

• Computer Delivered Format for majority. Alternate ACCESS (grades 1-12), Kindergarten and those receiving some accommodations will take on paper.

\* High School MCA Science will be administered to all students *completing* Life Science credit (grades 9-12).

\*\* For grades 9-12, the Science MTAS should be administered when the student completes instruction in the life science standards as identified by the Essence Statements for the MTAS. The IEP team determines the most appropriate year for a high school student to take the Science MTAS.

Assessment Name	Description & Purpose	Format	More Information
ACCESS for ELLs/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	ACCESS for ELLs test items are written from the model performance indicators of WIDA's five English Language Proficiency (ELP) standards: Social & Instructional Language, Language of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies and test forms are divided into five grade level clusters (testing grades 1-12).	Online, or paper based accommodations	<a href="#">WIDA</a> ; <a href="#">WIDA Interpretive Guide</a> <a href="#">WIDA Brochure for Parents</a> <a href="#">ACCESS Parent Fact Sheet (8/2017)</a>
ACT	ACT is a College and Career Readiness assessment. <u>On May 7, 2018, Citywide Student Government voted to move the ACT for All to April 24, 2019, with no make-up date.</u>		For questions on the ACT, please contact James Bierma ( <a href="mailto:James.Bierma@mpls.k12.mn.us">James.Bierma@mpls.k12.mn.us</a> ) at Guidance & Counseling Services
Civics Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All Minnesota students, beginning with those enrolled in 9th grade in school year 2017-18, must take and pass a state-mandated civics exam before they graduate.</li> <li>- This exam can be given at any point during high school, in any format, as many times as it takes for students to pass. Passing is 30+ out of 50 questions correct.</li> <li>- Students cannot be prevented from graduating if they do not pass the test.</li> <li>- Although it is called a “civics test” in the legislation, the questions connect with a broader set of social studies standards.</li> </ul>	The test may be translated into other languages for EL students.	<a href="#">MN Department of Education</a>

CogAT	All second graders and students referred for screening in grades K, 1, 3 and 4.	Online, or paper-based accommodations	For questions on the CogAt, please contact Christina Ramsey ( <a href="mailto:Christina.Ramsey@mpls.k12.mn.us">Christina.Ramsey@mpls.k12.mn.us</a> ) in the Teaching & Learning Department.
COM	Concepts of Math (COM) is a Teaching and Learning Math assessment for Kindergarten used to drive instruction. It is an option at grade 1 as well.		For questions, please contact Marium Toure ( <a href="mailto:Marium.Toure@mpls.k12.mn.us">Marium.Toure@mpls.k12.mn.us</a> ).
FAST	FAST assessments will be used as district-wide universal screening assessments for all students in Kindergarten through grade 8 in order to assess students' broad reading and math skills. The FAST earlyReading assessment will be given to Kindergarten students and the aReading and aMath assessments will be given to students in grades 1-8.	aReading & aMath: online and adaptive earlyReading: one-on-one administration	<a href="#">FAST Assessments in Minneapolis Public Schools</a>
MCA	The primary purpose of the MCA is to measure the success of instruction based on the Minnesota Academic Standards . Assessment results can be used to determine whether all students are mastering key content knowledge and attaining the skills necessary for future success in education and the workforce.	Online, or paper based accommodations. Reading and Math are adaptive tests. Science is linear (same test for each student).	<a href="#">MDE/Students and Families/Statewide Testing; MDE Interpretive Guide 2016-17</a> (pdf) <a href="#">Why Test Results Matter</a> (MDE 8/2017) pdf <a href="#">Test Preparation Suggestions for Parents and Teachers</a> Parent/Guardian Guide for <a href="#">Student Participation in Statewide Testing</a> .
MTAS	MTAS is a performance-based assessment in reading, mathematics and science for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. It is the alternate assessment available in every grade in which the MCA-II is available and features substantial reductions in the complexity of the academic content standards	Paper	<a href="#">MTAS</a> (scroll to middle of page) <a href="#">MTAS Parent Fact Sheet</a> (08/2017); <a href="#">2017 MN MTAS Quick Guide</a> pdf
MAP	MAP Reading and Math assessments will be used as district-wide universal screening assessments for students in grade 9.	Online and adaptive	
Grade 8 Physical Science		Online	For questions, please contact Jenn Rose ( <a href="mailto:jennifer.rose@mpls.k12.mn.us">jennifer.rose@mpls.k12.mn.us</a> ).