

ACT plus Writing (April 2)

- The ACT is the leading US college admissions test, measuring what you learn in high school to determine your academic readiness for college. The ACT plus Writing is offered to all 11th grade students and 12th grade students that have not been offered the test previously. Four skill areas are covered in the test: English, mathematics, reading, and science. The writing portion of the test measures skill in planning and writing a short essay.

MCA Test (April 22 – May 3; Reading, Math, Science)

- The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment test is the state determined test used in schools to measure student achievement in the areas of reading, math, and science. State tests are given to students in a district once a year, based on their grade level and subject area. These tests help districts measure student progress toward Minnesota's academic standards and also meet federal and state legislative requirements. Students in grade 5 and 8 will be administered the MCA Reading, Math, and Science. Students in grades 6-7 will be administered the MCA Reading and Math. Students in grade 10 will be administered the MCA Reading. Students in grade 11 will be administered the MCA Math.

MTAS (March 4 – May 3)

- The Minnesota Test of Academic Skills is an alternate assessment for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. It is a performance-based assessment administered and scored by the test administrator using a script and a task-specific scoring rubric. The MTAS is used to measure student progress toward Minnesota's academic standards and meet the requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). MTAS Reading is given to students in grades 5-8 and 10. MTAS Math is given to students in grades 5-8 and 11. MTAS Science is given to students in grade 5 or currently in a Life Science class. Test administration times will vary for each student, and the state does not provide estimated test administration times for the MTAS. Results will be mailed home in late August or early September.