



Name of Test	Objective of test and is it a Local measure or State/Federally mandated	Grades Tested	Dates Administered in 2016-2017	Time of Tests
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) Reading Math	MCAs are the state tests that help districts measure student progress toward Minnesota's academic standards and meet the requirements of ESSA. Results are used to make decisions for students about curriculum and instructional practices.	Reading Grades 3-8 Math Grades 3-8	3rd Grade April 3-7, 2017 4th Grade April 10-14, 2017 5th Grade April 17-21, 2017 6th-8th Grades April 24-28, 2017	Reading 2.5–3.5 hours Math Grades 3-6 1.5-2 hours Grades 7-8 2-2.5 hours
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) Science	The science MCA is an online state assessment that presents a series of science scenarios to assess students' achievement in science. This test is part of the ESSA Legislation but it not used to	Grades 5 and 8	5th Grade May 3, 2017 8th Grade May 2, 2017 Make-up Day May 4, 2017	1.75 hours

	determine adequate yearly progress.			
Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS)	MTAS is Minnesota's state alternate assessment based on alternate achievement standards. The MTAS is designed to measure the extent to which students with significant cognitive disabilities are making progress in the general curriculum.	<p>Reading Grade 3-8 Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities</p> <p>Math Grade 3-8 Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities</p> <p>Science Grade 3-8 Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities</p>	<p>Reading and Math 3rd Grade April 3-7, 2017</p> <p>4th Grade April 10-14, 2017</p> <p>5th Grade April 17-21, 2017</p> <p>6th-8th Grades April 24-28, 2017</p> <p>Science 5th Grade April 25, 2017</p> <p>8th Grade April 26, 2017</p> <p>Make-up Day April 27, 2017</p>	<p>Reading 2.5–3.5 hours</p> <p>Math Grades 3-6 1.5-2 hours Grades 7-8 2-2.5 hours</p> <p>Science Grades 5 and 8 1.75 hours</p>
Optional Local Purpose Assessment (OLPA) Reading Math	This optional state assessment can be given to each student up to two times in math and once in reading. As the name implies, it is optional and the scores students receive do not	<p>Reading Grades 3-8</p> <p>Math Grades 3-8</p>	<p>Reading and Math 3rd Grade Nov 28-Dec 2, 2016</p> <p>4th Grade Dec 5-9, 2016</p> <p>5th-8th Grades Dec 12-16, 2016</p>	<p>Reading 1.5–2.5 hours</p> <p>Math 1–1.5 hours</p>

	count toward proficient on the MCA. OLPA results can be used to predict proficiency on the MCA and plan for instructional interventions.			
Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to- State (ACCESS)	ACCESS is a state reading, writing, listening and speaking test for English Learners (ELs) designed to demonstrate growth from year to year.	K-8 English Learners	Mar 6-Mar 17, 2017	3 hours
STAR Reading Math	STAR Assessments are local computer adaptive tests in reading and math that can be used for screening and progress monitoring to aid with instructional decisions and interventions.	Reading Grades 2-8 Math Grades 2-8 Early Literacy Grades K-1	Baseline Reading Sept 19 - 23, 2016 Math Sept 26 - 30, 2016 Fall (Cancelled**) Reading Nov. 7-11, 2016 Math Nov. 14-18, 2016 Winter (Cancelled**) Reading Jan 9-13, 2017 Math Jan 16-20, 2017	30 mins per session

			<p>Spring (Cancelled**) Reading Feb 13-17, 2017 Math Feb. 20-24, 2017</p> <p>Final (Cancelled**) Reading May 8-12, 2017 Math May 15-19, 2017</p>	
<p>FASTBridge</p> <p>Reading Math Behavior</p>	<p>FASTBridge is local computer adaptive and diagnostic tests in multiple curricular and behavioral areas that can be used for screening and progress monitoring to aid with instructional decisions and interventions.</p>	<p>Reading, Math and Behavior Grades K-8</p>	<p>Baseline Sept 19-23, 2016</p> <p>Mid-year Reading Jan 9-13, 2017 Math Jan 16-20, 2017</p> <p>Quarter 3 (Cancelled**) Reading and Math (K-1 only) Mar 20-24, 2017</p> <p>Final Reading May 15-19, 2017 Math May 22-26, 2017</p>	<p>30 mins per session</p>

*All testing schedules are subject to change.

**Cancelled after further discussion at Lead Team, in order to stay in compliance with the law which requires no more than 10 hours of instructional time outside of the MCA should be spent on testing.