

Tri-County Schools Assessment Calendar 2023-2024

Dates	Assessment	Grade	Objectives & Use	Estimated Time
State Testing Window March 6- May 7, 2024	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) Reading: Gr 3-8, 10 Math: Gr 3-8, 11 Science: Gr 5, 8 & HS	3-8, 10 & 11	State Exam Required by the state of MN to measure student growth, closing achievement gaps, and school and district progress at meeting state standards.	MCA Reading 3.5 hours MCA Math 1.5-2 hours MCA Science 1.75-2 hours
State Testing Window March 6- May 7, 2024	Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS) Reading, Math, Science	IEP Students gr. 3-8, 10 & 11	State Exam Alternative state assessments available for students with disabilities whose IEP states they need an alternative assessment.	Reading MTAS 45-90 minutes Math MTAS 330-60 minutes Science MTAS 30-60 minutes
State Testing Window Jan. 3 - March 7, 2024	Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners (ACCESS)	K-12 English Learners	State Exam ACCESS for ELLs is given annually to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English.	
Late Spring - April	ACT	Gr 11&12	Career & College Ready Assessments Students have the opportunity to measure how well they are prepared for college and career opportunities after high school.	4.5 hours Results 2-8 weeks after test
September 13-24, 2023	Local STAR Testing Reading and Math	(K-9, 10R, 11M)	(District-option)	60 mins Results available immediately after completion
November 1st, 2023	ASVAB	11		3-4 hours
TBA	PSAT Test	11	(District-option)	2.25 hours Results 6-8 weeks after test
October 25th-November 5, 2023	Local STAR Testing Reading and Math	K-6	(District-option)	60 mins Results available immediately after completion
January 10-21, 2024	Local STAR Testing Reading and Math	(K-9, 10R, 11M)	(District-option)	60 mins Results available immediately after completion
March 14-24,	Local STAR Testing	(K-6)	(District-option)	60 mins

2024	Reading and Math			Results available immediately after completion
May 9-20, 2024	Local STAR Testing Reading and Math	(K-9, 10R, 11M)	(District-option)	60 mins Results available immediately after completion

Purposes of state MCAs, MTAS, and ACCESS assessments:

1. To measure achievement towards meeting the Minnesota Academic Standards (for the Standards-Based Accountability Assessments(and to measure progress towards meeting Minnesota's Standards for English Language Development (for English Language Proficiency Assessments)
2. To measure the academic progress of students over time.
3. To provide Minnesota graduates information related to career and college readiness.