

Lyle Public School District Assessments

ACT

Grade 11 students are provided the opportunity to take the ACT college readiness assessment, which is a standardized test for high school achievement and college admissions. The ACT consists of four test areas: English, Mathematics, Reading and Science. Please visit www.act.org for more information.

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA)

The primary purpose of the MCA is to measure the success of instruction based on the [Minnesota Academic Standards](#) and also meet federal and state legislative requirements. Students take one test in each subject:

- Reading: Grades 3-8, 10
- Mathematics: Grades 3-8, 11
- Science: Grades 5, 8, 10

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. Minnesota statutes require MDE to publish a [form](#) for parents/guardians to complete if they refuse to have their student participate in state-required standardized assessments.

English Language Proficiency Assessments

The ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs are the assessments developed by the [WIDA consortium](#) and administered to English learners in order to measure progress toward meeting Minnesota's standards for English language development. Most English learners will take the ACCESS for ELLs, but English learners who received special education services and meet the participation guidelines may take the 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).

National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP)

NAEP is an integral measure of academic progress across the nation and over time. It is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what our nation's students know and can do in various subjects such as civics, mathematics, reading, and U.S. history. NAEP is a congressionally mandated program administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of Education Sciences.

2023-2024 8th grade class will participate in reading and math. Testing will take place between January 29 and March 8, 2024

FAST Bridge CBM Assessments

The FAST Bridge assessment suite is a set of research-based procedures and measures used for universal screening in grades PK - 4 and progress monitoring. For reading, a teacher listens and evaluates a student's oral reading fluency, including accuracy, error types, and qualitative features, while they read aloud from a grade-level passage for 1 minute. For mathematics, the assessments indicate a students' readiness or risk across key math skill areas, such as basic facts, multi-step computation and higher-order applied mathematics. For additional information on this assessment, please visit the [FAST Bridge Learning Assessment overview page](#).

- **September 2023**
- **January 2024**
- **May 2024**

January 29, 2024

- ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs® begins
- NAEP window open for 8th grade testing

March 4, 2024

- NAEP window closes for 8th grade testing
- MCA Statewide Testing Window Opens
- MCA Reading grades 3–8 and 10 and Mathematics grades 3–8 and 11 begins
- MCA Science grades 5, 8, and high school begins
- MTAS Reading, Mathematics, and Science begins

March 22, 2024

- ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs® ends

May 3, 2024

- MCA Reading grades 3–8 and 10 and Mathematics grades 3–8 and 11 ends
- MTAS Reading, Mathematics, and Science ends

May 10, 2024

- MCA Science grades 5, 8, and high school ends