

# St. Clair Assessment Schedule 2023-2024

## Testing Dates

### September

11-22; FASTBridge (grades K-6)

### January

8-12; FASTBridge (grades K-6)

15-19; FASTBridge (grades K-6)

### February

5-9; ACCESS ELL

### April

9; ACT (grade 11) - optional

11; MCA Reading (grade 10)

12; MCA Reading (grades 7-8)

15-19; MCA Reading (grade 3-6)

16; MCA Math (grades 7-8)

17; MCA Math (grade 11)

22-26; MCA Math (grade 3-6)

23; ACT Make-up date (grade 11) - optional

23; MCA Science (grade 8)

24; MCA Science (grade 11)

29-3; MCA Make-up/MCA Science (grade 5)

### May

13-17; FASTBridge (grades K-6)

20-24; FASTBridge (grades K-6)

\*\*\* Please note that test dates are subject to change.

## **Assessment Explanations and Seat Times**

### **FastBridge**

*FastBridge*

### **MINNESOTA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT (MCA III)**

The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) and alternate assessment Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS) are the state tests that help districts measure student progress toward Minnesota's academic standards and also meet federal and state legislative requirements. Students that receive special services and meet specific criteria may be eligible for MTAS.

- Federal and State Requirement
- Measures AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress)
- Measures standard attainment
- Administered Online
  - Multiple Choice
  - Technology Enhanced
- Results provided to parents at Back to School Conferences in September

<b>Test Name</b>	<b>Estimated Length</b>
MCA III -- MATH (El.)	1.5 - 2 hours
MCA III -- READING (El.)	2.5 - 3 hours
MCA III -- SCIENCE (El.)	1.75 hours
MCA III -- MATH (Sec.)	2 - 2.5 hours
MCA III -- READING (Sec.)	2.5 - 3.5 hours
MCA III -- SCIENCE (Sec.)	1.75 hours

### **MCA Parent Fact Sheet**

### **MINNESOTA TEST OF ACADEMIC SKILLS (MTAS)**

*The Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS) is an alternative to the MCA that is administered to eligible students receiving special services.*

- Alternative Federal and State Requirement
- Measures AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress)
- Measures standard attainment
- Administration varies based on need
  - 1 on 1 with staff member
  - Paper booklet
  - Technology assisted
- Length varies based on students' needs
- Assessment administered anytime during state testing window
  - 3/7/22 - 5/6/22 Reading and Math
  - 3/7/22 - 5/13/22 Science
- Results provided to parents at Back to School Conferences in September

<b>Test Name</b>	<b>Estimated Length</b>
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MTAS -- MATH	30 - 60 minutes
MTAS -- READING	45 - 90 minutes
MTAS -- SCIENCE	30 - 60 minutes

### **MTAS Parent Fact Sheet**

### **ACT**

*The ACT is an assessment used typically for undergraduate admissions as well as demonstration of schools preparing their students for college.*

- Minnesota districts are required to offer to all 11th and 12th grade students
- Students choose whether or not to participate at cost to the student
- Used for undergraduate admissions
  - Reading
  - Math
  - Science
- Assesses college readiness
- Paper test
- Administered by School Counselor
- Estimated Length: 2 hours 55 minutes
- ACT distributes results via mail and ACT account 2-8 weeks after test date

Access the [ACT Official Website](#)

### **Other Resources**

**Toolkit for Families: Understanding Statewide Assessment Results**

**MDE website - Statewide Testing**

**Parent/Guardian Guide and Refusal for Student Participation in Statewide Testing**

Questions about Testing?

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