

Sebeka Public School Testing Calendar 2021-2022

MCA ASSESSMENTS

March 7	MCA and MTAS testing window opens
April 11-14	MCA Math (grades 3-8, 11)
April 18-22	MCA Reading (grades 3-8, 10)
April 25-29	MCA Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)
May 6	MCA and MTAS Math and Reading testing window closes
May 13	MCA Science testing window closes

FASTBRIDGE ASSESSMENTS

September 13-24	Fastbridge Assessment Window (K-8)
January 10-22	Fastbridge Assessment Window (K-8)
May 2-20	Fastbridge Assessment Window (K-8)

OTHER ASSESSMENTS

October 13	PSAT Test (optional for Juniors)
March 8	ACT Test (optional for Juniors)

TEST	PURPOSE	RATIONALE
MCA & MTAS	To measure achievement on the Minnesota Academic Standards and measure academic progress of students over time	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESEA
ACT & PSAT	To provide Minnesota graduates information related to career and college readiness	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30

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 take one test in each subject. Most students take the MCA, but students who receive special education services and meet eligibility requirements may take the alternate assessment MTAS instead. Minnesota's statewide tests are objective, standardized measures of student achievement on academic or proficiency standards. Students, families, teachers and administrators use statewide test results as part of a comprehensive system for evaluating learning. Parents may choose to opt their child out of testing (see requirements and opt-out form at the end of this document).

SUBJECT/GRADE INFORMATION & LENGTH of TESTS:

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) The Reading, Mathematics and Science MCA are administered online, with paper accommodated test materials available only for eligible students. Students take the applicable assessments based on their grade during the spring testing windows, and the scores are used for final reports and accountability. To meet state legislative requirements, the online grades 3–8 Reading and Mathematics MCA include off-grade items to provide additional information about student achievement. Only on-grade items are used for accountability calculations.

READING MCA:

Grade	Total Number of Passages and Items	Total Test Admin.
3 Reading	8-9 passages, 57 items	2.5–3.5 hours
4 Reading	7-9 passages, 58 items	2.5–3.5 hours
5 Reading	7-9 passages, 58 items	2.5–3.5 hours
6 Reading	8-9 passages, 63 items	2.5–3.5 hours
7 Reading	8 passages, 64 items	2.5–3.5 hours
8 Reading	8-9 passages, 64 items	2.5–3.5 hours
10 Reading	7-9 passages, 61 items	2–3 hours

MATHEMATICS MCA:

Grade	Total Number of Items	Total Test Admin.
3–4 Math	58	1.5–2 hours
5–6 Math	60	1.5–2.5 hours
7–8 Math	63	2–3 hours
11 Math	55	1.5–2.5 hours

SCIENCE:

Grade	Total Number of Items	Total Test Administration
5	54	1.5–2 hours
8	66	1.5–2 hours
High School	82-83	2–2.5 hours

MTAS:

Subject	Estimated Time
Reading	45-90 minutes
Math	30-60 minutes
Science	30-60 minutes

SHARING STUDENT RESULTS:

With online testing, students will receive their MCA & MTAS scores immediately following the closing of their test session. However, districts receive **official** Individual Student Reports (ISRs) in August, and those results are shared with parents by mail shortly after the start of the school year.

CAREER & COLLEGE READINESS:

Districts have a number of requirements to fulfill for students' career and college planning for students first enrolled in grade 8 in 2012–2013 and later. This includes offering students in grades 11 and 12 an opportunity to participate in a nationally recognized college entrance exam (ACT) on a school day. The state MAY pay for one college entrance exam for a student. Sebeka School offers the ACT once per year. The ACT is a standardized test in the areas of mathematics, reading, English, science, and writing.

~ *Procedures Manual for Minnesota Assessments, 2018-2019.*

~ *Minnesota Department of Education website <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/fam/tests/index.htm>*

Parent Guide and Refusal for Student Participation in Statewide Testing Form:

Located on [Sebeka's school website](#) under District Tab (Forms: Guardian Testing Refusal Form)

OR click here:

https://education.mn.gov/mdeprod/idcplg?IdcService=GET_FILE&dDocName=MDE059688&RevisionSelectionMethod=latestReleased&Rendition=primary

OR click here:

<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/fam/tests/>

- link located under Student Participation in Statewide Tests