

Sebeka Public School

Testing Calendar

2025-2026

MCA ASSESSMENTS

March 2	MCA and MTAS testing window opens
April 13-17	MCA Reading (grades 3-8, 10)
April 20-24	MCA Math (grades 3-8, 11)
April 27-May 1	MCA Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)
May 1	MCA and MTAS Math and Reading testing window closes
May 8	MCA Science testing window closes

FASTBRIDGE ASSESSMENTS

September 8-26	FASTbridge Assessment Window (K-8)
January 5-16	FASTbridge Assessment Window (K-8)
May 4-15	FASTbridge Assessment Window (K-8)

CAPTI READ BASIX

January 20-30	Capti Read Basix (grades 4-12)
May 11-15	Capti Read Basix (grades 4-12)

OTHER ASSESSMENTS

October 22	PSAT for Juniors (optional)
March 10	ACT Test for Juniors (optional)

TEST	PURPOSE	RATIONALE
MCA & Alt MCA	To measure learning of the Minnesota Academic Standards	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.

Grade	Number of Items	Total Test Administration
3-5 Reading MCA	50	1.5-2 hours
6-8 Reading MCA	55	1.5-2 hours
10 Reading MCA	60	1.5-2 hours
3–8 Math MCA	50	1.5-2 hours
11 Math MCA	55	1.5 hours
5 Science MCA	50	1- 1.5 hours
8 Science MCA	60	1-1.5 hours
10 Science MCA	80	1-1.5 hours
Reading MTAS	NA	1-1.5 hours
Math MTAS	NA	20-40 minutes
Science MTAS	NA	1-1.5 hours

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, 2023-2024.*

~ 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/MDE/fam/tests/StudentParticipation/>

- link located under Student Resource Documents