



K-12 Academic Community

MTCS Assessments 2020-2021

Our MTCS assessments provide data to help make instructional decisions, including qualification for interventions, Tier 2/Title Funded Programming, resource classes and academic achievement opportunities.

***State Required Testing**

Test Dates	Test Name	Grades Tested	Objectives and Use	Estimated Time
Sept. 8-Oct 9 Jan 27- March 19 May 3- June 4	Renaissance Star 360 Testing	Connections Academy only; grades K-11	Interim assessments for early literacy, math, and reading helping determine the best instruction to meet the needs of all students. It is a formative assessment tool, gives educators daily insight into student performance.	1 hour
Oct 14 th -Oct 31 st Dec 15-Jan 30 May 3-June 4	Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Northwest Evaluation Association	MTCS Grades K-11	This computerized test is given in fall, and spring to measure students' growth in meeting the state standards. Some schools test some students in the winter to measure progress	1-2 hours
All Year- Given to new students	*WIDA Screener for EL	MTCS and Connections Academy	To screen students to see if they need additional support as an English learner	1 hour
Jan 25- March 19	*Access Testing	MTCS and Connections Academy	ACCESS for ELLs is given annually to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English. Statewide Assessments	2-3 hours
March 8- May 7 and Science only until May 14th	*Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) Reading: Grades 3- 8, 10 Math: Grades 3-8, 11 Science 8 & HS Science 5	MTCS and Connections Academy	These are assessments 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
March 8-May 7th	*Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS)	IEP Students 3-8, 10 and 11	These are alternative state assessments available for students with disabilities whose Individual Education Plan (IEP) states they need an alternative assessment.	Reading MTAS 45-90 minutes Math MTAS 30-60 minutes Science MTAS 30-60 minutes
February 2020	College & Career Ready Assessments: ACT Plus Writing	11 and 12	Districts provide this free to students who have not had this opportunity to measure how well they are prepared for college and career opportunities after high school.	4.5 hours