

White Bear Lake Area Schools 2018/2019 Assessment Calendar

Date	Assessment	Grades Assessed
September, 2018		
Aug. 29 and Sept. 4	Fall FAST Literacy Assessment - administered at Welcome Back Conferences	K - Gr5
Sept 5 - Oct. 5	Fall MAP Reading and Math	Gr1 - Gr2, Gr9
Sept. 25	Pre ACT	Gr10
October, 2018		
Oct. 5	Fall MAP Window closes	Gr1 - Gr2, Gr9
November, 2018		
Nov. 26 - Dec 14	CogAT	All Gr2, Gr4 by parent or teacher request
December, 2018		
Dec. 14	CogAT window closes	
January, 2019		
Jan 2. - Jan. 25	Winter FAST Literacy Assessment - administered by school screening teams.	K - Gr5
Jan 2. - Feb. 1	Winter MAP Reading and Math	Gr1 - Gr8
Jan. 28 - Mar.22	ACCESS for EL Window	EL students, K - Gr12
February, 2019		
Feb. 1	Winter MAP window closes	Gr1 - Gr8
Feb. 20	ACT + Writing	Gr11
March, 2019		
Mar. 4 - May 3	MCA/MTAS Reading and Math Window	Gr3 - Gr11
Mar. 4 - May 10	MCA/MTAS Science Window	Gr5, Gr8, HS
Mar. 23	ACCESS for EL Window closes	K - Gr12
April, 2019		
April 8 - 26	MCA Classroom Testing	Gr3 - Gr11
May, 2019		
May 1 - May 24	Spring MAP Reading and Math	Gr1, Gr2, Gr9
May 1 - May 24	FAST Spring literacy assessment - administered by school screening teams	K- Gr5
May 4.	MCA Reading, Math and MTAS window closes	Gr3 - Gr11
May 10.	MCA Science Window closes	Gr5, Gr8, HS

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District Assessments

Assessment	Purpose of Assessment	Average Test Duration
Measure of Academic Progress: MAP Reading and MAP Math	MAP is a computer-based adaptive assessment in Reading and in Math. MAP is used to measure a student's progress and growth in grades 1 through 9. MAP also helps teachers know where a student's strengths are and if help is needed in specific areas. Teachers use this information to guide classroom instruction. Student progress is assessed in the fall, winter and spring in 1st and 2nd grade and in the winter in 3rd through 8th grade.	Grade 1: 40 minutes Grades 2 thru 9: 1 hour, 15 minutes.
Cognitive Abilities Test: CogAT	The CogAT measures learned reasoning and problem solving skills in three different areas: verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal. Data gathered from the CogAT will help staff make decisions regarding programming and when making considerations for gifted identification in 3rd grade. CogAT is administered to all students in 2nd grade, and in grade 4 based on parent or teacher recommendation.	2.5 hours.
FAST Literacy Assessment	FAST assessments are used to identify student strengths and areas for growth in letter identification, letter sounds, word decoding, and reading fluency. FAST assessments are administered to elementary level students in the fall, winter, and spring.	5 minutes.
Pre-ACT	The Pre-ACT is a college readiness assessment administered to students in 10th grade. The Pre-ACT is used to measure college readiness, for post-secondary planning, and as a practice for the ACT college entrance exam. The Pre-ACT is offered during the school day.	2 - 3 hours

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State Assessments		
Assessment	Purpose of Assessment	Average Test Duration
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment: MCA - Reading, Math and Science	The MCA is a computer-based assessment created by the Minnesota Department of Education to measure student progress towards Minnesota's academic standards. Schools are required to assess students using the MCA in reading (grades 3 - 8, 10), math (grades 3-8, 11), and Science (grades 3, 8, 10.)	Reading: 2.5 - 3.5 hours Math: 1.5 - 2.5 hours Science: 1.75 - 2 hours
Minnesota Test of Academic Skills: MTAS - Reading, Math and Science	The MTAS is an assessment created by the Minnesota Department of Education as an alternate to the MCA. Students who receive special education services and meet MTAS eligibility requirements take the MTAS in Reading, Math, or Science.	Times vary
ACT + Writing	The ACT is a college readiness assessment administered to students in 11th grade. The ACT is used to measure college readiness, for post-secondary planning, and as a college entrance exam. White Bear High School offers students the opportunity to take the ACT at no charge during the school day.	4.5 hours
ACCESS for English Learners	The ACCESS is administered to English learners in order to measure progress toward meeting Minnesota's standards for English language development. Schools are required to test English learners in grades K - 12.	3 hours

April, 2019, Tentative MCA Schedule				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
	Gr3-Gr5, MCA Reading, 9:30-11:00			Gr3-5 MCA Reading Make-ups
8	9	10	11	12
Gr3-5 MCA Reading Make-ups	Gr3-Gr5, MCA Math, 9:30-11:00 Gr6-Gr8 & Gr10 MCA Reading, Tuesday 8:00-11:30			
15	16	17	18	19
Gr3-5 MCA Math Make-up	Gr6-Gr8 MCA Math, Tuesday, 8:00 - 11:30 Gr11 MCA Math, Tues - Thurs during math classes			
22	23	24	25	26
	Gr5, Gr8, HS, MCA Science in science class All grades, MCA Reading and Math Make-up			
29	30	1	2	3