

## White Bear Lake Area Schools 2016/2017 Assessment Calendar

Date	Assessment	Grades Assessed
September, 2016		
Aug. 30 - Sept. 23	Fall FAST Literacy Assessment - administered by school screening teams	K - Gr5
Sept 6 - Oct. 6	Fall MAP Reading and Math	Gr1 - Gr8
October, 2016		
Oct. 6	Fall MAP Window closes	Gr1 - Gr10
Oct. 17 - Feb. 10	Optional Local Purpose Assessment (OLPA) Window - Math and Reading	Gr3 - Gr11, optional by school
November, 2016		
Nov. 2 - Nov. 13	Pre-ACT testing window	Gr10
December, 2016		
January, 2017		
Jan 3. - Jan. 24	Winter FAST Literacy Assessment - administered by school screening teams.	Gr1 - Gr5
Jan 3. - Feb. 3	Winter MAP Reading and Math	Gr1 - Gr5, unless students take the OLPA
Jan. 30 - Mar.24	ACCESS for ELL Window	LEP students, K - Gr12
February, 2017		
Feb. 3	Winter MAP window closes	Gr1 - Gr5
Feb. 10	OLPA Window closes	Gr3 - Gr11
Feb. 28	ACT + Writing	Gr11
March, 2017		
Mar. 6 - May 5	MCA Reading and Math and MTAS	Gr3 - Gr11
Mar. 6 - May 12	MCA Science Window	Gr5, Gr8, HS
Mar. 24	ACCESS for ELL Window closes	K - Gr12
April, 2017		
May, 2017		
May 1 - June 2	Spring MAP Reading and Math	Gr1 - Gr7
May 1 - May 26	FAST Spring literacy assessment - administered by school screening teams	Gr1- Gr5
May 6.	MCA Reading, Math and MTAS window closes	Gr3 - Gr11
May 12.	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 8. 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 the elementary grades, and in the fall and spring in middle school. The OLPA assessment is sometimes used in place of MAP as a winter measure of progress.	Grade 1: 40 minutes Grades 2 thru 8: 1 hour, 15 minutes.
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.
Optional Local Purpose Assessment: OLPA - Reading and Math	The OLPA is a computer-based assessment created by the Minnesota Department of Education as a measure of progress towards proficiency on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA). The OLPA assessment is used as an alternate winter assessment in grades 3 through 11. Students will not be assessed on both the winter OLPA and winter MAP in the same year.	Reading: 1.5 - 2.5 hours Math: 1 - 1.5 hours
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

## 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.	
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. The Pre-ACT is offered during the school day to 10th grade students as a measure of college readiness and for post-secondary planning. Schools are required to offer 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