

TEST	Average Time	Content	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Purpose / Rationale	Test Format	Results
NWEA District Required	Approx. 45 min./test	Reading	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Formative data used to improve instruction. Summative data used to measure student growth over time. RIT score used in class placement.	Computer-based, adaptive test.	Nationally normed with same-age peers. Available upon request from case manager / advisor. Reported at IEP meetings.
	Fall (everyone)	Math	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
	Winter (everyone)	Lang. Usage	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
	Spring (everyone)	Science	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
MCA / MTAS State Required	7/8th gr: 2.5-3.5 hrs. 10th gr: 2-3 hrs.	Reading	X	X	X		X			Summative assessment measures achievement on the Minnesota Academic Standards and measures academic progress of students over time. Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESEA.	MCA: computer-based test with technology enhanced items. Math & Reading MCAs are adaptive tests. Science MCAs are linear tests. MTAS: manipulative-based test, administered 1:1.	Report distributed to families in the fall.
	7/8th gr: 2-2.5 hrs. 11th gr: 1.5-2.5 hrs.	Math	X	X	X			X				
	8th gr: 1.75 hrs. 9/10th gr: 2 hrs.	Science			X	X (taken in the year enrolled in Biology)		X (only if not taken yet)				
ACCESS / Alt. ACCESS Required ONLY for those who qualify (ELL)	ACCESS: 170 min. Alt. ACCESS: 80 min.	Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	To measure progress for English language learners (ELLs). English learners who receive special education services and meet the participation guidelines may take the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs.	ACCESS is computer-based. Alternate ACCESS is administered 1:1.	Each student receives a language proficiency score from 1-6. Report distributed to families in the fall.
ACT w/ Writing Optional, State Mandated to Offer	45 mins.	English						X	X	To provide Minnesota graduates information related to career and college readiness. Reportable to perspective colleges/universities. Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30.	Computer-based.	Nationally normed. ACT mails results directly to student.
	60 mins.	Math										
	35 mins.	Reading										
	35 mins.	Science										
	40 mins.	Writing										
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) District Required	90 mins.	General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Mathematics Knowledge, Electronics Information, Auto and Shop Information, Mechanical Comprehension, and Assembling Objects						X	X	The ASVAB is a government-mandated exam that determines your readiness for military service. Among the nine areas tested are General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Mathematics Knowledge, Electronics Information, Auto and Shop Information, Mechanical Comprehension, and Assembling Objects. These results are added together to give you an ASVAB Test Score (AFQT).	Computer-based.	Each student receives Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) score