

2025-2026 District 181 Assessment and Testing Schedule

FALL 2025

Date	GRADE	TEST	PURPOSE	Rationale	Source of the Requirement
September 2 & 3	K	FastBridge: Reading Math	Student Proficiency Student Growth Screener	Minnesota Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.12, subdivision 2
September 15 - October 13	1-12 K-12 SAEBRS	FastBridge: Math Reading SAEBRS/mySAEBRS	Student Proficiency Student Growth Screener	Minnesota Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.12, subdivision 2
Post-Screening	K-12	Diagnostic Assessments locally determined	Diagnostic	Minnesota Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.12, subdivision 2
October 21st	Optional: 10	PSAT/NMSQT	Optional: College Readiness and Scholar	College and Career Readiness Enter National Merit Scholarship Program	<u>Optional</u>

WINTER 2025-2026

Dates	GRADE	TEST	PURPOSE	Rationale	Source of the Requirement
December 2 - January 9	K-12	FastBridge: Math Reading SAEBRS/mySAEBRS *Grade 11 math & mySAEBRS only *Grade 12 mySAEBRS only	Student Proficiency Student Growth Screener	Minnesota Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.12, subdivision 2
Post-screening	K-8	Diagnostic Assessments locally determined	Diagnostic	Minnesota Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.12, subdivision 2
January 28-29	4 and 8 Harrison Elementary (1/29/26) Riverside Elementary (1/29/26) Forestview Middle School (1/28/26)	National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	Reading and Math National Center for Education Statistics	U.S. Department of Education	The Nation's Report Card

February 9-13	4-12	Capti ReadBasix	Screeener to identify reading needs	Characteristics of Dyslexia Screener Identification Tool per MDE's Read Act	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.12, subdivision 2
February 23-27	4	Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Screener	Screeener to identify gifted learners	Gifted and Talented Students Programs and Services	Minnesota Statute, section 120B.15
March 16-20	4	Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Full	Full Battery to identify students from the screener process	Gifted and Talented Students Programs and Services	Minnesota Statute, section 120B.1
January 26 - March 20	ELL K-12	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Alternate ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Listening, Reading, Speaking, Writing	Federal Accountability	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESSA	Minnesota Statute, section 120B.30 ESSA
TBD	Optional: 10-12	CLEP (College Level Examination Program)	Earn college credit per subject	Optional Advanced Placement	Minnesota Statute 120.B13
TBD	Optional: 9-12	AP (Advanced Placement) Course Exam	Earn college credit per subject	Optional Advanced Placement	Minnesota Statute 120.B13
TBD	Optional: 9-12	Accuplacer Reading and Math	College Readiness	Optional Advanced Placement	Minnesota Statute 120.B13

SPRING 2026

Date	GRADE(S)	TEST	PURPOSE	Rationale	Source of the Requirement
March 2 - May 1	3-8 Reading, Math 10 Reading 11 Math	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) and MTAS	Federal and State Accountability School Improvement	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESSA	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 ESSA
March 2 - May 8	5 8 High School Biology	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) Science Or Science Alternate MCA	Federal and State Accountability School Improvement	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESSA	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 ESSA
April 7 Make up April 21	Optional: 11-12	ACT +writing (online)	Career/College Readiness School Improvement	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESSA	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 ESSA
TBD	Optional: 11-12	ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)	Measures developed abilities and helps	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESSA	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30

			predict future academic and occupational success in the military and other career options		ESSA
April 20 - May 18	K-12	FastBridge: Math Reading SAEBRS/mySAEBRS *Grade 11 mySAEBRS only *Grade 12 mySAEBRS only *Grade 4 mySAEBRS, not SAEBRS	Student Proficiency Student Growth Screener	Minnesota Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.12, subdivision 2
Post-screening	K-8	Diagnostic Assessments locally determined	Diagnostic	Minnesota Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.12, subdivision 2
TBD	Optional: 10-12	CLEP (College Level Examination Program)	Earn college credit per subject	Optional Advanced Placement	Minnesota Statute 120.B13
May 4-15	Optional: 9-12	AP (Advanced Placement) Course Exam	Earn college credit per subject	Optional Advanced Placement	Minnesota Statute 120.B13

MCA/ACCESS Testing Dates by Site

Grade	Reading	Math	Science
Baxter Elementary			
3	April 14-15 Makeups: April 16	April 21-22 Makeups: April 23	NA
4	April 14-15 Makeups: April 16	April 21-22 Makeups: April 23	NA
Garfield Elementary			
3	April 21-23 Makeups: April 23	April 28-30 Makeups: April 30	NA
4	April 21-23 Makeups: April 23	April 28-30 Makeups: April 30	NA
Harrison Elementary			
3	April 14-15 Makeups: April 16	April 21-22 Makeups: April 23	NA
4	April 14-15 Makeups: April 16	April 21-22 Makeups: April 23	NA
Lowell Elementary			
3	April 14-15 Makeups: April 16	April 21-22 Makeups: April 23	NA
4	April 14-15 Makeups: April 16	April 21-22 Makeups: April 23	NA
Nisswa Elementary			
3	April 14-16 Makeups: April 16	April 21-22 Makeups: April 27	NA
4	April 14-16 Makeups: April 16	April 21-22 Makeups: April 27	NA
5	April 14-16 Makeups: April 20	April 21-22 Makeups: April 27	April 28-30 Makeups: May 4
Riverside Elementary			
3	April 14-15 Makeups: April 16	April 21-22 Makeups: April 23	NA

4	April 14-15 Makeups: April 16	April 21-22 Makeups: April 23	NA
Forestview Middle School			
5	April 14-16 Makeups: April 17	April 21-23 Makeups: April 24	April 28-30 Makeups: May 1
6	April 14-16 Makeups: April 17	April 21-23 Makeups: April 24	NA
7	April 14 Makeups: April 15	April 21-23 Makeups: April 24	NA
8	April 14 Makeups: April 15	April 21-23 Makeups: April 24	April 28-30 Makeups: May 1
Brainerd Learning Center/Middle Level Alternative Program			
5	April 16	April 23	April 29
6	April 16	April 23	NA
7	April 16	April 23	NA
8	April 16	April 23	April 29
10	April 16	NA	Biology: April 29
11	NA	April 23	Biology: April 29
Makeups	April 30	April 30	April 30
Lincoln Education Center			
GR 3-8 & HS	April 14-15 Makeups: April 16	April 14-15 Makeups: April 16	Biology: April 14-15 Makeups: April 16
Brainerd High School			
10	April 13-17	NA	NA
11	NA	April 13-17	NA
HS	NA	NA	April 20-24
Brainerd Online School			
10	April 13-17	NA	NA

@ Brainerd High School			
11 @ Brainerd High School	NA	April 13-17	NA
HS @ Brainerd High School	NA	NA	April 20-24
WIDA ACCESS for ELL			
Garfield Elementary	TBD		
Harrison Elementary	TBD		
Lowell Elementary	TBD		
Nisswa Elementary	TBD		
Riverside Elementary	TBD		
Forestview Middle School	TBD		
Brainerd High School	TBD		
Lincoln Education Center	TBD		

How long does each test take? The times listed below are estimates. Most of the assessments the district administers are untimed; ACT is a timed test.

Test	Estimated Times	Results Provided
ACCESS for ELLs (English Language Proficiency) Kdgn	Individually administered - 1 hour K: paper	An Individual Student Report (ISR) is generated for every student who participated in the standards-based accountability assessments and, for students who did not participate, the ISR indicates why results are not included. Access user guides and resources on how to utilize the information provided on MCA and MTAS ISRs here . They will be mailed in the fall following the spring administration.
ACCESS for ELLs (English Language	Listening/Reading/Speaking Online	An Individual Student Report (ISR) is

Proficiency Gr 1-12 Listening, Reading, Speaking, Writing	30-40 minutes per subject. Writing up to 65 minutes 1-12: online	generated for every student who participated in the standards-based accountability assessments and, for students who did not participate, the ISR indicates why results are not included. Access user guides and resources on how to utilize the information provided on MCA and MTAS ISRs here . They will be mailed in the fall following the spring administration.
Alternate ACCESS for ELLs*	Individually administered 1-12: online	An Individual Student Report (ISR) is generated for every student who participated in the standards-based accountability assessments and, for students who did not participate, the ISR indicates why results are not included. Access user guides and resources on how to utilize the information provided on MCA and MTAS ISRs here . They will be mailed in the fall following the spring administration.
ACT (times per subject set by ACT)	4.0 hours Online	The ACT vendor provides scores. Learn more here .
Cognitive Abilities Test	15 minutes per subject Online	The Individual Profile Narrative will be shared via the classroom teacher.
FastBridge Math and Reading	25 minutes per subject K-1 Teacher 1-1 2-12 Online	The Family Report will be shared by the classroom teacher in grades K-4. Learn more here .
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) Reading	2-3 hours administered during classroom/course periods Online	An Individual Student Report (ISR) is generated for every student who participated in the standards-based accountability assessments and, for students who did not participate, the ISR indicates why results are not included. Access user guides and resources on how to utilize the information provided on MCA and MTAS ISRs here . They will be posted via Family Access on the Brainerd School Website here in the fall following the spring administration.
Minnesota Comprehensive	2-3 hours administered during	An Individual Student Report (ISR) is

Assessment (MCA) Math	classroom/course periods Online	generated for every student who participated in the standards-based accountability assessments and, for students who did not participate, the ISR indicates why results are not included. Access user guides and resources on how to utilize the information provided on MCA and MTAS ISRs here . They will be posted via Family Access on the Brainerd School Website here in the fall following the spring administration.
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) Science	3-4 hours Online	An Individual Student Report (ISR) is generated for every student who participated in the standards-based accountability assessments and, for students who did not participate, the ISR indicates why results are not included. Access user guides and resources on how to utilize the information provided on MCA and MTAS ISRs here . They will be posted via Family Access on the Brainerd School Website here in the fall following the spring administration.
Minnesota Test of Academic Skills* Reading, Math, Science	Individually administered Teacher 1-1	An Individual Student Report (ISR) is generated for every student who participated in the standards-based accountability assessments and, for students who did not participate, the ISR indicates why results are not included. Access user guides and resources on how to utilize the information provided on MCA and MTAS ISRs here . They will be posted via Family Access on the Brainerd School Website here in the fall following the spring administration.
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) *Required when district is selected by Federal Agency	2 hours Online	Student Individual scores are not provided to the school district. The measurement is per district only.

*Modified tests available for students with significant cognitive challenges who meet eligibility requirements as determined by their IEP team.

Individual School Buildings will schedule tests and post times/dates on their school websites. Some tests are scheduled over multiple testing sessions, sometimes over multiple days. Each school will create classroom testing schedules and communicate dates/times with parents/guardians.