

2025-2026 Testing Dates for Intermediate School District 917

Dates	Sites	Tests
Monday, September 8 - Friday September 26.	All	Fall Screening Window for aReading, aMath, earlyReading & earlyMath
Monday, January 26, 2026	All	ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS window for students with ELL service begins
Monday, March 2, 2026	All	MCA and Alt MCA Science window begins (grades 5, 8, and high school) MCA and Alt MCA Reading window begins (grades 3-8 and 10) MCA and MTAS Mathematics window begins (grades 3-8 and 11)
Friday, March 20, 2026	All	ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS testing for students with ELL service ends
April 13-17 2026	All	MCA and MTAS Math (Grades 3-8 and 11)
April 20-23 2026	All	MCA and Alt MCA Reading, (Grades 3-8 and 10)
May 1, 2026	All	MCA and Alt MCA Reading window ends (grades 3-8 and 10) MCA and MTAS Mathematics window ends (grades 3-8 and 11)
MAY 4-8, 2026	All	MCA and Alt MCA Science (grades 5, 8, and high school)
January and April 2026	ALL	ACT Grades 11 and 12- Online Test Window. Specific dates determined when more information is available
Monday, May 4-Friday May 15	All	Spring Screening Window for aReading, aMath, earlyReading & earlyMath
Friday, May 8, 2026	ALL	MCA and Alt MCA Science grades 5, 8, and high school ends

Purpose for Statewide Assessments

Assessment	Purpose, Rational, and Source of Requirement	Subject	Grades	Estimated Assessment Time	Results Timeline
ACCESS (EL Students Only)	To annually assess English language proficiency of all English learners. ESEA	Listening Reading Speaking Writing	K	Average of 45 minutes	Results are mailed.
		Listening Reading Speaking Writing	1-12	Up to 40 minutes Up to 35 minutes Up to 30 minutes Up to 65 minutes	
Alternate ACCESS (EL Students Only)		Listening Reading Speaking Writing	1-12	Up to 20 minutes Up to 20 minutes Up to 20 minutes Up to 20 minutes	
MCA	To measure achievement on Minnesota Academic Standards per Minnesota Statute 120B.30 and ESEA .	Math	3-4 5-6 7-8 11	1.5-2 hours 1.5-2.5 hours 2-2.5 hours 1.5-2.5 hours	
		Reading	3-8 10	2.5-3.5 hours 2-3 hours	
		Science	5 8 High School	1.5-2 hours 1.5-2 hours 2-2.5 hours	
MTAS	Minnesota Test of Academic Skills is an alternate assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities. It is a performance-based assessment administered and scored by the test administrator using	Math	3-8 & 11	30-60 minutes	
		Reading	3-8 & 10	45-90 minutes	
		Science	5, 8, & High School	30-60 minutes	

	a script and a task-specific scoring rubric per Minnesota Statute 120B.30 and ESEA .				
ACT	To provide Minnesota students information related to college readiness per Minnesota Statute 120B.30	English Math Reading Science	11 & 12	45 minutes 60 minutes 35 minutes 35 minutes 40 minutes	Results are mailed to students by ACT 6-8 weeks after the test date.