

## 2025-2026 Kasson-Mantorville High School District Testing Calendar

Test Name	MDE Testing Window	KMHS Testing Dates
ACCESS & Alternate ACCESS for ELL's	January 26, 2026 - March 20, 2026	Listening - February 24, 2026 Reading - February 24, 2026 Speaking - February 25, 2026 Writing - February 26, 2026 Make-Up: February 27, 2026
MCA (MN Comprehensive Assessments): Reading Grade 10	March 2, 2026 - May 1, 2026	April 21, 2026 Make Up April 29, 2025
MCA (MN Comprehensive Assessments): Math Grade 11	March 2, 2026 - May 1, 2026	April 24, 2026 (Make Up April 29)
MCA (MN Comprehensive Assessments): Science Students completing Life Science Coursework	March 2, 2026 - May 8, 2026	April 24, 2026 (Make Up April 29/30)
MTAS (MN Test of Academic Skills): Reading (Gr. 10), Math (Gr. 11), Science (Students completing Life Science Coursework)	March 2, 2026 - May 1, 2026	April 21, 2026 (Math) April 21, 2026 (Science) April 21, 2026 (Reading)
Preliminary SAT (PSAT)	N/A	Tuesday, October 21, 2025
Pre-ACT (Grades 9)	N/A	April 21, 2026
ACT (American College Testing) (Gr. 11)	N/A	April 21, 2026
ASVAB (Gr. 11) Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery	N/A	April 21, 2026
FastBridge (Grades 9 - 10)	N/A	Reading: Sept. 4-12, 2025 Math: Sept. 4-12, 2025 Make Up: Sept. 13, 2025

### Purposes and Rationales of Assessments

Test	Purpose	Rationale	Source of the Requirement
ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS	To annually assess English language proficiency of all English learners	ESSA	<a href="#">Minnesota Statutes 124D.59 ESSA</a>
MCA and MTAS	To measure achievement on the Minnesota Academic Standards and measure academic progress of students over time	Minnesota Statutes, section	<a href="#">Minnesota Statutes 120B.30 ESSA</a>

		120B.30 and ESSA	
ACT	To provide Minnesota graduates information related to career and college readiness	KMHS Graduation Requirement, Minnesota Statutes 120B.30 ESSA	<a href="#">KMHS Student Handbook Minnesota Statutes 120B.30 ESSA</a>
PSAT	The PSAT (or National Merit Qualifying Test) is a preliminary test for the SAT. Not only does the PSAT help prepare students to take the SAT or the ACT, scores on the PSAT can lead to awards such as the National Merit Scholarships. The PSAT (a timed test) measures critical reading skills, math problems solving skills, and writing skills. The test costs \$19 (checks payable to KMHS. Sign up is in the spring of every year in the Guidance Office.	District determined assessment, optional	
ASVAB	The ASVAB Career Exploration Program includes a validated aptitude test and interest assessment.	KMHS Graduation Requirement (Can be taken instead of ACT to meet Grad Requirement)	<a href="#">KMHS Student Handbook</a>

### Estimated Test Administration Times

Grade & Test	Total Number of Passages/Items	Total Test Administration
Grade 10: MCA - Reading	4 passages, 61 items	1-2.5 hours
Grade 11: MCA - Math	55 items	1-2 hours
High School Science MCA	78-80 items	0.5 - 1.5 hours
MTAS		Reading: 45 - 90 minutes Mathematics: 30 - 60 minutes Science: 30 - 60 minutes
ACCESS	5 sections	Listening: 65 minutes Reading: 60-70 minutes Speaking: 50 minutes Writing Tier A: 40-75 minutes Writing Tier B/C: 70 minutes
Alternate ACCESS	4 sections	Reading: up to 20 minutes Writing: up to 20 minutes Listening: up to 20 minutes Speaking: up to 20 minutes

### Additional Information for Parents:

Parent Handouts	<a href="#">MCA Parent Fact Sheet</a> <a href="#">MTAS Parent Fact Sheet</a> <a href="#">ACCESS Parent Fact Sheet</a> <a href="#">Alternative ACCESS Parent Fact Sheet</a> <a href="#">ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Parent Handout</a>
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">¿Qué es ACCESS for ELLs 2.0? Información para los padres</a>  <a href="#">Test Preparation Suggestions for Parents and Teachers</a></p>
<p><b>Why Statewide Test Results Matter</b></p>	<p>Minnesota’s statewide tests are objective, standardized measures of student achievement on academic or proficiency standards. Students, families, teachers and administrators use statewide test results as part of a comprehensive system for evaluating learning. Answers to frequently asked questions explain the purpose for statewide testing and why it is important to ensure the integrity of test scores: <a href="#">Frequently Asked Questions: Why Statewide Test Results Matter</a>.</p>
<p><b>How can I see the MCA results for my child, school, and district?</b></p>	<p>Your school will receive an individual student report for your child and will provide this information to you. Individual Student Reports must be distributed to parents no later than fall conferences. This report shows your child’s overall score in each subject, as well as scores for specific skill areas within each subject. It includes information about achievement level, comparisons to various groups, and comparisons to the student’s performance in past years, when applicable. MDE will post (on its website) the date paper reports have been shipped to districts, and parents can ask the local district/school for them at that time.</p> <p>School and district results are available in the <a href="#">Minnesota Report Card</a> on the MDE website (Go to Data Center &gt; Minnesota Report Card).</p>
<p><b>About Minnesota Report Card</b></p>	<p>The <a href="#">Minnesota Report Card</a> gives you easy access to understandable district and school data. This tool is designed to provide parents, educators, schools, districts and citizens with easy access to district and school information, test results, demographic information and other critical data in a centralized location. Choose from several reports to learn more about the state of education in your local district, a specific school, or the state as a whole.</p>
<p><b>Student Participation in Statewide Assessments</b></p>	<p>Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.31, subdivision 4a, requires the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) to publish a form for parents/guardians to complete if they refuse to have their student participate in state-required standardized assessments. It includes some basic information to help parents/guardians make informed decisions that benefit their child and their school and community. The form to meet this legislative requirement is available at the link below. When completed, it must be returned to your student's district; your student’s district may require additional information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Parent/Guardian Guide and Refusal for Student Participation in Statewide Testing</a></p>