

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

| Test Name                                                         | MDE Testing Window                | KMES Testing Dates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| ACCESS & Alternate ACCESS for ELL's                               | January 26, 2026 - March 20, 2026 | <p>Kindergarten: Feb. 24 - March 5</p> <p>Listening - Gr. 1: Feb. 10<br/>Gr. 2: Feb. 10<br/>Gr. 3: Feb. 10<br/>Gr. 4: Feb. 10</p> <p>Reading - Gr. 1: Feb. 11<br/>Gr. 2: Feb. 11<br/>Gr. 3: Feb. 11<br/>Gr. 4: Feb. 11</p> <p>Writing - Gr. 1: Feb. 12<br/>Gr. 2: Feb. 12<br/>Gr. 3: Feb. 13<br/>Gr. 4: Feb. 13</p> <p>Speaking - Gr. 1: Feb. 18<br/>Gr. 2: Feb. 18<br/>Gr. 3: Feb. 19<br/>Gr. 4: Feb. 19</p> <p>Alternate ACCESS: Feb 26-27</p> <p>Make-up Testing: Feb 23-26</p> |
| FAST (Formative Assessment System for Teachers)                   | N/A                               | <p>Fall: September 2 - Oct. 3, 2025</p> <p>Winter: December 15 - January 30, 2026</p> <p>Spring: April 27 - May 22, 2026</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| MCA: Reading<br>(MN Comprehensive Assessments)                    | March 2, 2026 - May 1, 2026       | <p>April 14-16, 2026</p> <p>Make Up April 17, 24-27, 2026</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| MCA: Math<br>(MN Comprehensive Assessments)                       | March 2, 2026 - May 1, 2026       | <p>April 21-23, 2026</p> <p>Make up April 23-27, 2026</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| MTAS Reading<br>(MN Test of Academic Skills)                      | March 2, 2026 - May 1, 2026       | March 9-13, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| MTAS Math<br>(MN Test of Academic Skills)                         | March 2, 2026 - May 1, 2026       | March 16-20, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| mySAEBRS (Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener) | N/A                               | <p>Fall: September 2 - Oct. 3, 2025</p> <p>Winter: December 15 - January 30, 2026</p> <p>Spring: April 27 - May 23, 2026</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Capti ReadBasix (Grade 4)                                         | By the end of February 2026       | November 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

## Purposes and Rationales of Assessments

| Test                                                                                                | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Rationale                                    | Source of the Requirement                       |
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| ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS                                                                         | To annually assess English language proficiency of all English learners                                                                                                                                                | Minnesota Statutes, section 124B.59 and ESSA | <a href="#">Minnesota Statutes 124D.59 ESSA</a> |
| FAST (Formative Assessment System for Teachers) earlyReading, aReading, AUTOREading, aMath and CMBR | Assists teacher with screening, monitoring progress, and analyzation of reading and math skills of students from kindergarten to fifth grade                                                                           | District determined assessment               |                                                 |
| MCA and MTAS                                                                                        | To measure achievement on the Minnesota Academic Standards and measure academic progress of students over time                                                                                                         | Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESSA | <a href="#">Minnesota Statutes 120B.30 ESSA</a> |
| mySAEBRS (Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener)                                   | Identifies students who are at-risk for academic, social, and/or emotional behaviors. SAEBSRS can also universally screen by class, grade or school to identify trends that may need class-wide attention.             | District determined assessment               |                                                 |
| Capti ReadBasix (4th Grade)                                                                         | Capti ReadBasix is required by the state of Minnesota as a screener for reading difficulties, including characteristics of dyslexia, for any student who has not consistently demonstrated grade-level reading skills. | MN ReadAct Legislation 120B.12               | <a href="#">Minnesota Statutes 120B.12</a>      |

## Estimated Test Administration Times

| Grade & Test             | Total Number of Passages/Items | Total Test Administration                                                                                                                | Source of the Requirement |
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| Grade 3: MCA - Reading   | 4-5 passages, 48-50 items      | 1-2.5 hours                                                                                                                              |                           |
| Grade 4: MCA - Reading   | 4-5 passages, 48-50 items      | 1 - 2.5 hours                                                                                                                            |                           |
| Grades 3 & 4: MCA - Math | 49 items                       | 1.5 - 2 hours                                                                                                                            |                           |
| ACCESS                   | 5 sections                     | Listening: 65 minutes<br>Reading: 60-70 minutes<br>Speaking: 50 minutes<br>Writing Tier A: 40-75 minutes<br>Writing Tier B/C: 70 minutes |                           |
| Alternate ACCESS         | 4 sections                     | Reading: up to 20 minutes<br>Writing: up to 20 minutes<br>Listening: up to 20 minutes<br>Speaking: up to 20 minutes                      |                           |

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| mySAEBRS                      | 20 item rating scale                                          | 15 - 30 minutes |  |
| earlyReading<br>(Gr. K-1)     |                                                               | 5-10 minutes    |  |
| aReading<br>(Gr. 1 - 4)       | 30 - 60 questions                                             | 15 - 30 minutes |  |
| AUTOReading<br>(Gr. 4)        | 30 items                                                      | 6-8 minutes     |  |
| COMPefficiency<br>(as needed) | 1 passage, w/<br>corresponding T/F &<br>multiple choice items | 15 - 30 minutes |  |
| aMath (Gr. 1 - 4)             | 30 items                                                      | 20 - 30 minutes |  |
| Capti ReadBasix               | 4 subtests - 90 items                                         | 20-36 minutes   |  |

### Additional Information for Parents:

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| <b>Parent Handouts</b>                                                   | <a href="#">MCA Parent Fact Sheet</a><br><a href="#">MTAS Parent Fact Sheet</a><br><a href="#">ACCESS Parent Fact Sheet</a><br><a href="#">Alternative ACCESS Parent Fact Sheet</a><br><a href="#">ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Parent Handout</a><br><a href="#">¿Qué es ACCESS for ELLs 2.0? Información para los padres</a><br><a href="#">Test Preparation Suggestions for Parents and Teachers</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Why Statewide Test Results Matter</b>                                 | <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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>How can I see the MCA results for my child, school, and district?</b> | <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> |
| <b>About Minnesota Report Card</b>                                       | <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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Student Participation in Statewide Assessments</b>                    | <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><a href="#">Parent/Guardian Guide and Refusal for Student Participation in Statewide Testing</a></p>                                                                                                      |

