

<This letter is written by **Michelle Wallace serving as District Assessment Coordinator** for Twin Cities German Immersion School 2016-2017>

Dear 3-8 Families,

April not only brings longer days but also Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) testing season in Minnesota public schools. Students in grades 3 - 8 take the math & reading test; students in 5th & 8th also take a science test. *Please find all of the useful MCA Testing Information in this memo.*

If you have any questions not addressed here, please feel free to contact me.
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How is testing day different than a “normal” day at TCGIS?

The day(s) of MCA testing, everything *except for the two testing periods* is the same. There are a morning/afternoon circles, recess/lunch, and opportunities for kids to move, relax, and socialize. Each class is scheduled for two 50 minute consecutive periods - either morning (am) - after morning circle or afternoon (pm) after recess/lunch or even closer to the end of the day depending on teacher recommendation. Throughout the testing time the kids are notified about the scheduled longer breaks in advance and are provided with student/teacher driven comfort breaks interspersed.

[Questions & Answers about the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment - prepared by Minnesota Department of Education](#) <<<--- LINK

- What is the MCA?
- Why do we give these tests?
- Who must take these tests?
- How are tests administered?
- How can students prepare for the tests?
- What skills are assessed by the MCA?
- How can I see the MCA results for my child, school, and district?
- ... and other questions...

TCGIS Daily Testing Schedule

Third & Fourth

Class	Reading	Math
3rd Grade	April 12 (W) & 13 (Th)	April 20 (Th) & 21 (F)
4th Grade	April 10 (M) & 11 (Tu)	April 17 (M) & 18 (Tu)

Middle School

Class	Reading	Math	Science
5th Grade	April 4 (Tu) & April 5 (W)	April 26 (W) & April 27 (Th)	May 3 (W)
6th Grade	April 4 (Tu) & April 5 (W)	April 26 (W) & April 27 (Th)	n/a
7th Grade	April 6 (Th) & April 7 (F)	April 24 (M) & April 25 (Tu)	n/a
8th Grade	April 6 (Th) & April 7 (F)	April 24 (M) & April 25 (Tu)	May 2 (Tu)

Other Links you may wish to explore

Please contact Michelle Wallace, the District Assessment Coordinator if you have questions, concerns or to turn in paperwork.

[TCGIS Standardized Testing Opt Out Policy & Form](#) found on the **[TCGIS Policies Site](#)**

****** Please complete this form annually - return via paper or email to Michelle Wallace. mwallace@tcgis.org***

[Minnesota Department of Education Testing Information Page](#)

Information on this page can help parents, caregivers, and students learn more about testing in Minnesota schools. If you have additional questions about testing, please contact your school or District Assessment Coordinator

[Minnesota Statewide Assessment Item Sampler](#)

[Minnesota Report Card](#)

The Minnesota Report Card 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.