New Discoveries Montessori Academy Assessment Schedule 2016-2017 (K-6)

Date	Assessment	Subject	Grades
August 22 -September 23, 2016	Kindergarten Assessment	Reading Math	K
September 12-30, 2016	MN Reading Corps Fall Benchmarking	Reading	K-3 MN Reading Corps Students
September 12-30, 2016	AIMSweb Fall Benchmarking	Reading Math	K-6
September 26-October 19, 2016	NWEA MAP Fall Benchmarking	Math Reading Language Usage Science (5th)	K-6
October 17, 2016-February 10, 2017	OLPA	Math Reading	3, 4-6
January 3-17, 2017	MN Reading Corps Winter Benchmarking	Reading	K-3 MN Reading Corps Students
January 3-27, 2017	AIMSweb Winter Benchmarking	Reading Math	K-6
January 23-February 16, 2017	NWEA MAP Winter Benchmarking	Math Reading Language Usage Science (5th)	K-6
February 13-16, 2017	ACCESS for ELLs	Reading Math	ELL students
April 10-21, 2017	MCA/MTAS Reading	Reading	3-6
April 17-28, 2017	MCA/MTAS Math	Math	3-6
May 1-12, 2017	MCA/MTAS Science	Science	5
May 1-5, 2017	MCA Reading/Math make-up (last day is May 5th)	Reading Math	3-6
May 8-12, 2017	MCA Science make-up (last day is May 12th)	Science	5

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April 10-May 12, 2017	MN Reading Corps Spring Benchmarking	Reading	K-3 MN Reading Corps Students
May 1-12, 2017	Kindergarten Assessment	Reading Math	K
May 1-12, 2017	NWEA MAP Spring Benchmarking	MPG Reading MPG Math	K-2
May 1-12, 2017	NWEA MAP Spring Benchmarking	Math Reading Language Usage	3-6
May 1-12, 2017	AIMSweb Spring Benchmarking	Reading Math	K-6

ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

English Language Proficiency Assessments

ACCESS - English Language Proficiency assessment: ACCESS (from World-class Instructional Design & Assessment Consortium—WIDA). ACCESS for ELLs test items are written from the model performance indicators of WIDA's five English Language Proficiency (ELP) standards: Social & Instructional Language, Language of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies and test forms are divided into five grade level clusters. WIDA

Kindergarten Assessment

All Kindergarten students are assessed in the fall and the spring. The Kindergarten assessment measures literacy and numeracy skills.

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA)

The MCAs are the state tests that help districts measure student progress toward Minnesota's academic standards and meet the requirements of the Department of Education. The reading and mathematics tests are used to determine whether schools and districts have made adequate yearly progress (AYP). Reading and mathematics tests are given in grades 3-8, 10 and 11. Science is administered to students in 5th grade. MCA; MDE Interpretive Guide 2015 - 16 (pdf) MCA Parent Fact Sheet (pdf rev: 12/2015)

Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS)

MTAS is a performance-based assessment in reading, mathematics and science for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. It is the alternate

assessment available in every grade in which the MCA is available and features substantial reductions in the complexity of the academic content standards. MTAS; Questions and Answers (pdf rev: 12/2014)

Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA MAP)

The NWEA MAP is the state aligned computerized adaptive tests in reading and math that reflects the instructional level of each student in grades K-6. It measures growth over time in addition to performance. For additional information on this assessment go to: www.nwea.org

MPG - Map for Primary Grades - MPG Assessment Content (pdf) 11/2013

Optional Local Purpose Assessment (OLPA) - Mathematics and Reading

The OLPA is the MDE non-accountability assessment, similar to the MCA Math and Reading. It provides a risk-free environment for students to familiarize themselves with online testing and provides teachers with information to target instruction prior to the MCA test administration in the spring.

AIMSweb Benchmarking – Mathematics and Reading

AIMSweb is a K-6 assessment that provides academic assessments in reading, math, and language arts. With AIMSweb, teachers screen, set goals, and provide interventions to improve student academic progress.