

## New Discoveries Montessori Academy Assessment Schedule 2020-2021 (K-8)

Date	Assessment	Subject	Grades
August 31-September 30, 2020	MN Reading Corps Fall Benchmarking	Reading	K-3 MN Reading Corps Students
August 31-September 18, 2020	NWEA MAP Fall Benchmarking	Math Reading	K-8
September 21-30, 2020	FAST Fall Benchmarking	Reading Math	K-8
January 4-22, 2021	MN Reading Corps Winter Benchmarking	Reading	K-3 MN Reading Corps Students
January 4-22, 2021	NWEA MAP Winter Benchmarking	Math Reading Science (5 <sup>th</sup> )	K-8
January 4-29, 2021	FAST Winter Benchmarking	Reading Math	K-8
February 1-February 26, 2021	ACCESS for ELLs	Reading Math	ELL students
April 6-9, 2021	MCA/MTAS Math	Reading	3-8
April 12-16, 2021	MCA/MTAS Reading	Math	3-8
April 19-23, 2021	MCA/MTAS Science	Science	5
April 26-30, 2021	MCA Reading/Math make-up (last day is May 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Reading Math	3-8
May 3-7, 2021	MCA Science make-up (last day is May 8 <sup>th</sup> )	Science	5
April 26-May 14, 2021	MN Reading Corps Spring Benchmarking	Reading	K-3 MN Reading Corps Students
April 26-May 14, 2021	NWEA MAP Winter Benchmarking	Math Reading Science (5 <sup>th</sup> )	K-8
May 17-21, 2021	FAST Spring Benchmarking	Reading Math	K-8

## ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

**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. [ACCESS Parent Fact Sheet](#)

### **FAST Benchmarking – Mathematics and Reading**

FAST assessments are designed for universal screening and progress monitoring. assessment that provides academic assessments in reading, math, and language arts. With FAST, teachers screen, set goals, and provide interventions based on the data to improve student academic progress. [www.fastbridge.org](http://www.fastbridge.org)

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. [MCA Parent Fact Sheet](#)

### **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 Parent Fact Sheet](#)

### **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](http://www.nwea.org)