

New Discoveries Montessori Academy Assessment Schedule 2023-2024 (K-8)

Date	Assessment	Subject	Grades
September 5-September 23, 2023	NWEA MAP Fall Benchmarking	Math Reading	K-8
September 25-October 13, 2023	FAST Fall Benchmarking	Reading Math	K-8
January 3-26, 2024	NWEA MAP Winter Benchmarking	Math Reading Science (5 th /8 th)	K-8
January 28-February 9, 2024	FAST Winter Benchmarking	Reading Math	K-8
January 29-March 22, 2024	ACCESS for ELLs	Reading Math	K-8 ELL students
April 2-9, 2024 (testing window - March 4 - May 3, 2024)	MCA/MTAS Math	Reading	3-8
April 10-17, 2024 (testing window - March 4 - May 3, 2024)	MCA/MTAS Reading	Math	3-8
April 18-22, 2024 (testing window - March 4 - May 3, 2024)	MCA/MTAS Science	Science	5, 8
April 23-May 3, 2024 (testing window - March 4 - May 3, 2024)	MCA Reading/Math make-up (last day is May 3 rd)	Reading Math	3-8
April 23-May 10, 2024 (testing window - March 4 - May 10, 2024)	MCA Science make-up (last day is May 10 th)	Science	5, 8
April 9-May 15, 2024	NWEA MAP Winter Benchmarking	Math Reading Science (5 th)	K-8
May 13-24, 2024	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. Listening: 40 minutes. Reading: 35 minutes. Speaking 30 minutes. Writing 60 minutes. [ACCESS Parent Fact Sheet](#), [WIDA Brochure for Parents](#)

FastBridge 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. Assessments take from 5-30 minutes to complete. <https://www.renaissance.com/products/fastbridge/>

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. Assessments take from 1.5-3 hours to complete. [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. Assessments take from 30-90 minutes to complete. [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. Assessments take from 35-60 minutes to complete. For additional information on this assessment go to: www.nwea.org