

## New Discoveries Montessori Academy Assessment Schedule 2024-2025 (K-8)

Date	Assessment	Subject	Grades
September 10-September 26, 2024	NWEA MAP Fall Benchmarking	Math Reading	K-8
September 3-October 4, 2024	FAST Fall Benchmarking	Reading Math	K-8
December 3-17, 2024	NWEA MAP Winter Benchmarking	Math Reading Science (5 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> )	K-8
December 3-17, 2024	FAST Winter Benchmarking	Reading Math	K-8
February 3-28, 2025 (testing window – January 27 – March 21, 2025)	ACCESS for ELLs	Reading Math	K-8 ELL students
March 18-April 5, 2025 (testing window - March 3 - May 2, 2025)	MCA/MTAS Math	Reading	3-8
April 8-19, 2025 (testing window - March 3 - May 2, 2025)	MCA/MTAS Reading	Math	3-8
April 22-29, 2025 (testing window - March 3 - May 9, 2025)	MCA/MTAS Science	Science	5, 8
April 30-May 2, 2025 (testing window - March 3 - May 2, 2025)	MCA Reading/Math make-up (last day is May 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Reading Math	3-8
April 30-May 9, 2025 (testing window - March 3 - May 9, 2025)	MCA Science make-up (last day is May 9 <sup>th</sup> )	Science	5, 8
April 24-May 7, 2025	FAST Spring Benchmarking	Reading Math	K-8
May 1-16, 2025	NWEA MAP Winter Benchmarking	Math Reading Science (5 <sup>th</sup> )	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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.nwea.org)

### **Statewide Testing Results**

For spring ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS and MCA/MTAS testing, scores are embargoed until August/September each year. Individual Student Reports (ISRs) are provided to families in October.

If you are interested in District or school level results, please visit the MN Department of Education's [MN Report Card](#) for detailed information.