

New Discoveries Montessori Academy Assessment Schedule 2026-2027 (K-8)

Date	Assessment	Subject	Grades
September 1-September 21, 2026	NWEA MAP Fall Benchmarking	Math Reading	K-8
September 1-September 30, 2026	FAST Fall Benchmarking	Reading Math	PreK-8
September 1-September 30, 2026	Capti ReadBasix	Reading	4-8
December 1-18, 2026	NWEA MAP Winter Benchmarking	Math Reading	7-8
December 1-18, 2026	FAST Winter Benchmarking	Reading Math	K-8
February 1-27, 2027 (testing window – February 1 – March 26, 2027)	ACCESS for ELLs	Reading Math	K-8 EL students
March 1-21, 2027	NWEA MAP Spring Benchmarking	Math Reading	K-8
April 19-26, 2027 (testing window - March 8 - May 7, 2027)	MCA/MTAS Reading (last day is May 7 th)	Reading	3-8
April 27-May 4, 2027 (testing window - March 8 - May 7, 2027)	MCA/MTAS Math (last day is May 7 th)	Math	3-8
May 5-6, 2027 (testing window - March 8 - May 14, 2027)	MCA/MTAS Science (last day is May 14 th)	Science	5, 8
May 10-28, 2027	FAST Spring Benchmarking	Reading Math	PreK-8
May 10-28, 2027	Capti ReadBasix	Reading	4-8

ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

ACCESS - English Language Proficiency assessment: ACCESS (from World-class Instructional Design & Assessment Consortium—WIDA). ACCESS for ELs 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](#)

Capti ReadBasix – Reading

The Minnesota READ Act requires screening for characteristics of dyslexia in grades 4-12 for those who do not demonstrate mastery of foundational reading skills. Capti ReadBasix is a tool where the data may identify students who show characteristics of dyslexia. It does not identify if a student has dyslexia. Screening Criteria: Students who are identified as High-Risk based on their fall FastBridge assessment score are required to take all six Capti ReadBasix subtests. ReadBasix testing can be administered as needed for students above the High-Risk category.

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

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.