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**MCA/MTAS Tests** - These tests help school and districts measure student progress toward the state’s academic standards. The tests are given in grades 3-8, 10 and 11. The science MCAs are administered in grades 5, 8 and 10th grade.

**FAST Tests** - Local Standardized Assessment used to benchmark and monitor student learning and inform teacher instruction.

**Civics Test** - The civics test questions relate to foundational ideas in civics education and must be passed to graduate high school.

**Parent/Guardian Guide to Statewide Testing and Opting out of Testing Form**
Click this link to review the state testing requirements and view the form for opting-out a student from state required assessments.

- [http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/fam/tests/index.htm](http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/fam/tests/index.htm)

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**MCA/MTAS TESTING SCHEDULE**

March 8 - 15
- MCA Practice - All Grades

March 16, 17
- MCA Reading - Grades 3, 4, 5

March 24, 25
- MCA Reading - Grades 6, 7, 8, 10

March 30, 31
- MCA Math - Grades 3, 4, 5

April 7, 8
- MCA Math - Grades 6, 7, 8, 11

April 13, 14
- MCA Science - Grades 5, 8, 10

Test make-up will take place as necessary on school days after initial administration of each specific MCA test:
- Reading: March 26- April 6
- Math: April 9 - 23
- Science: April 15 - 30