

# Assessment Calendar

2026 – 2027 School Year

A complete schedule of formative, growth, English-language, and Minnesota state assessments administered across grades K–8.

## ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

TEST	GRADES	DURATION	TESTING DATES	PURPOSE
FastBridge Reading	K-3	2–5 min per measure	Fall: Sept. 1–4, 2026 Winter: Dec. 1–4, 2026 Spring: Apr. 26–30, 2027	Measures early literacy skills, reading fluency, and foundational reading development.
Capti Reading Assessment	4-8	Approx. 30–45 min	Fall: Sept. 1–4, 2026 Winter: Dec. 1–4, 2026 Spring: Apr. 26–30, 2027	Identifies students at risk for reading difficulties and supports intervention planning.
NWEA MAP Growth — Fall	K-8	40–60 min per subject	Aug. 25 – Sept. 4, 2026	Measures student growth and achievement in Reading, Math, Language, and Science.
NWEA MAP Growth — Winter	K-8	40–60 min per subject	Dec. 8 – 17, 2026	Measures student progress and growth since fall testing.
WIDA ACCESS / WIDA Alternate ACCESS	K-8 EL	Varies by domain	Feb. 16 – Mar. 2, 2027	Measures English language proficiency in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.
MCA Reading & Mathematics / Alt MCA / Math MTAS	3-8	Within testing window	Apr. 20 – 30, 2027	Minnesota state assessment measuring student achievement in Reading and Mathematics.
NWEA MAP Growth — Spring (K-2)	K-2	40–60 min per subject	May 3 – 7, 2027	Measures yearly growth and informs placement and intervention decisions.
MCA Science	5 & 8	Within testing window	May 4 – 7, 2027	Minnesota state assessment measuring student achievement in Science (Grades 5 and 8).
NWEA MAP Growth — Spring (3-8)	3-8	40–60 min per subject	May 10 – 14, 2027	Measures yearly academic growth and achievement.

## STATE ASSESSMENT WINDOWS

ASSESSMENT	STATE WINDOW
WIDA ACCESS / WIDA Alt ACCESS	Feb. 1 – Mar. 26, 2027
MCA Reading & Mathematics / Alt MCA / Math MTAS	Mar. 8 – May 7, 2027
MCA Science	Mar. 8 – May 14, 2027

## TESTING SCHEDULE SUMMARY

At-a-glance view of every testing window across the year, organized by season. Use this to plan instruction, proctoring, and make-up sessions.

### FALL 2026

**Aug. 25 – Sept. 4**  
NWEA Fall (K–8)

**Sept. 1 – 4**  
FastBridge (K–3)

**Sept. 1 – 4**  
Capti (Grades 4–8)

### WINTER 2026

**Dec. 1 – 4**  
FastBridge (K–3)

**Dec. 1 – 4**  
Capti (Grades 4–8)

**Dec. 8 – 17**  
NWEA Winter (K–8)

### SPRING 2027

**Feb. 16 – Mar. 2**  
WIDA ACCESS / Alt ACCESS

**Apr. 20 – 30**  
MCA Reading & Mathematics

**Apr. 26 – 30**  
FastBridge (K–3)

**Apr. 26 – 30**  
Capti (Grades 4–8)

**May 3 – 7**  
NWEA Spring (K–2)

**May 4 – 7**  
MCA Science (Grades 5 & 8)

**May 10 – 14**  
NWEA Spring (Grades 3–8)