

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) - 2017-2018 Testing Schedule for Stride Academy

The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) state tests for reading, math and science are used to meet federal and state legislative requirements. The tests are given each year to measure student performance relative to the Minnesota Academic Standards. The state standards determine what students in a particular grade should know and be able to do. Reading and math tests are administered in 3rd through 6th grade and grade 5 take the science test. All tests are administered online only. Students do not pass or fail the MCA; instead they receive a score that falls in one of four achievement levels--Does Not Meet the Standards, Partially Meets the Standards, Meets the Standards, and Exceeds the Standards.

DATES	ASSESSMENT	GRADES	SUBJECT	PURPOSE	LENGTH OF TIME	DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS
April 9, 10, 11, 12	MCA Reading	3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th	Reading	State Mandated	2.5 to 3.5 hours	Fall Back To School Night
April 16, 17, 18, 19	MCA Math	3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th	Math	State Mandated	1.5 to 2.5 hours	Fall Back To School Night
April 24, 25	MCA Science	5th	Science	State Mandated	1.5 to 2 hours	Fall Back To School Night

ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS 2017-2018

Stride Academy gives each student a test called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). These tests are part of the Northwest Evaluation Assessments or NWEA. We give students MAP tests to determine each child's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of Reading and Math for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Staff analyze data from NWEA to set our school goals, individual as well as school wide.

The teachers use the data from the tests to guide their instruction, determine specific skills and concepts that need to be taught and specific strengths and weaknesses of each student, and the class as a whole.

DATES	ASSESSMENT	GRADES	SUBJECT	PURPOSE	LENGTH OF TIME	DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS
Fall Sept.	MAP	K - 6th	Reading Math	Measure academic growth	Tests are not timed	Fall Conferences
Winter Jan.	MAP	K - 6th	Reading Math	Measure academic growth	Tests are not time	Spring Conferences
Spring May	MAP	K - 6th	Reading Math	Measure academic growth	Tests are not timed	Late Spring/final report card