

2023-2024 Sawtooth Testing Schedule

9/4/2023

Tests administered at Cook County Schools include:

- The [Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments \(MCAs\)](#) and alternate assessment, [Minnesota Test of Academic Skills \(MTAS\)](#), are the statewide tests that help districts measure student progress toward Minnesota's academic standards and meet the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Students take one test in each subject. Most students take the MCA, but students who receive special education services and meet eligibility criteria may take the MTAS.
- **FastBridge** combines Computer Adaptive Tests (CAT) and Curriculum-Based Measures (CBM) to screen students, identify skill gaps, and offer proven recommendations for reading instruction and diagnostic reading interventions. That's why many states have approved FastBridge for early reading and/or dyslexia screening.
- **i-Ready** is a mathematics curriculum designed to support all students in becoming critical thinkers, persistent problem solvers, and lifelong learners as they find success in their grade-level content. The Grades K–12 diagnostic testing assessments manifests our core belief that all students can grow and achieve grade-level expectations. Use these diagnostic assessment tools to help educators see where students are, set high—but achievable—expectations for growth, and connect the right instructional tools to help them get there..
- **ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLS** are the assessments developed by the WIDA consortium and administered to English learners in order to measure progress toward meeting Minnesota's standards for English language development, developed by the WIDA consortium. Most English learners will take the ACCESS for ELLs, but English learners who received special education services and meet the participation guidelines may take the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs. A link to the WIDA website is provided under Related resources on the right side of the page.

Purposes and Rationales of Statewide Assessments

Test	Purpose	Rationale/Source of the Requirement
MCA and MTAS	To measure achievement on the Minnesota Academic Standards and measure academic progress of students over time	Minnesota Statutes 120B.30 ESEA
ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS (ELL only)	To annually assess English language proficiency of all English Learners	ESEA

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Grade/Subject	Date	Test	Estimated Time
Kindergarten <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fall Math ● Fall Reading ● Winter Math ● Winter Reading ● Spring Math ● Spring Reading 	Sept 11-29 Sept 11-29 Jan 8-26 Jan 8-26 April 15-May 3 April 15-May 3	i-Ready - Math FastBridge - Reading	50 minutes
First Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fall Math ● Fall Reading ● Winter Math ● Winter Reading ● Spring Math ● Spring Reading 	Sept 11-29 Sept 11-29 Jan 8-26 Jan 8-26 April 15-May 3 April 15-May 3	i-Ready - Math FastBridge - Reading	50 minutes
Second Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fall Math ● Fall Reading ● Winter Math ● Winter Reading ● Spring Math ● Spring Reading 	Sept 11-29 Sept 11-29 Jan 8-26 Jan 8-26 April 15-May 3 April 15-May 3	i-Ready - Math FastBridge - Reading	50 minutes 30-45 minutes
Third Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fall Math ● Fall Reading ● Winter Math ● Winter Reading ● Spring Reading ● Spring Math ● Spring Math ● Spring Reading 	Sept 11-29 Sept 11-29 Jan 8-26 Jan 8-26 April 15-May 3 April 15-May 3 April 15-May 3 April 15-May 3	i-Ready - Math FastBridge - Reading i-Ready - Math FastBridge - Reading MCA MCA i-Ready - Math FastBridge - Reading	50 minutes 30-45 minutes Math: 5 Sections; 1.5-2 hours Reading: 5 Sections; 2.5-3.5 hours
Fourth Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fall Math ● Fall Reading ● Winter Math ● Winter Reading ● Spring Reading ● Spring Math ● Spring Math ● Spring Reading 	Sept 11-29 Sept 11-29 Jan 8-26 Jan 8-26 April 15-May 3 April 15-May 3 April 15-May 3 April 15-May 3	i-Ready - Math FastBridge - Reading i-Ready - Math FastBridge - Reading MCA MCA i-Ready - Math FastBridge - Reading	50 minutes 30-45 minutes Math: 5 Sections; 1.5-2 hours Reading 5 Sections; 2.5-3.5 hours

<p>Fifth Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fall Math ● Fall Reading ● Winter Math ● Winter Reading ● Spring Reading ● Spring Science ● Spring Math ● Spring Math ● Spring Reading 	<p>Sept 11-29 Sept 11-29 Jan 8-26 Jan 8-26 April 15-May 3 April 15-May 3 April 15-May 3 April 15-May 3 April 15-May 3</p>	<p>i-Ready - Math FastBridge - Reading i-Ready - Math FastBridge - Reading MCA MCA MCA i-Ready - Math FastBridge - Reading</p>	<p>50 minutes 30-45 minutes</p> <p>Math: 5 Sections; 1.5-2.5 hours Reading: 5 Sections; 2.5-3.5 hours Science: 2 sections; 1.5-2 hours .5-1.5 hours - MAPS - Math & Reading</p>
<p>ACCESS for ELLs</p>	<p>March 1-17</p>	<p>ACCESS</p>	<p>Listening - up to 40 minutes Writing - up to 35 minutes Speaking - up to 30 minutes Writing Tier A - 45-60 minutes Writing Tier B/C - 60-65 minutes</p>