

2023-2024 High School 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.
- STAR360: The Renaissance STAR assessments are a set of computer-adaptive tests designed to measure the academic progress of students in the areas of literacy, reading, and math. The name "STAR 360" comes from the fact that the assessment suite provides a complete 360-degree view of a student's academic progress across these three key subject areas, math, reading, and early literacy.
- The [ACT®](#) test is the nation's most popular college entrance exam accepted and valued by all universities and colleges in the United States.
 - Minnesota state statutes also require school districts to offer during the school day an assessment to determine if students are college or career ready.
- The [SAT](#) is a standardized test widely used for college admissions in the United States.
- [Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test \(ASVAB\)](#) This test is a multiple aptitude test that helps students identify, understand and organize information about their interests, skills, work-related values and how students can develop and achieve future career goals. This test is offered to all high schools nationwide by armed services and does not involve passing or failing. Results will not be released to recruiting military services. Results will be used for career exploration and post-secondary planning..
- The [Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test](#) (PSAT/NMSQT) is a standardized test administered by the College Board and cosponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) in the United States.
- [Advanced Placement \(AP\) exams](#) are college-level tests administered by The College Board (makers of the SAT). Students may take tests in one or more subjects; a comprehensive list of all available AP courses and tests is available at collegeboard.com.
- 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

College Entrance Exams (ACT and/or SAT)	To provide Minnesota graduates information related to career and college readiness	Minnesota Statutes 120B.30
ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS (ELL only)	To annually assess English language proficiency of all English Learners	ESEA
ACT	To provide MN graduates information related to college and career readiness	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30

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Grade/Subject	Date	Test	Estimated Times
Ninth Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall Math Fall Reading Spring Math Spring Reading 	Sept 11-29 Sept 11-29 April 15-May 3 April 15-May 3	Star360	Reading: 45-90 minutes Math: 105-150 minutes
Tenth Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall Math Fall Reading Spring Math Spring Reading Spring Science 	Sept 11-29 Sept 11-29 April 15-May 3 April 15-May 3 April 15-May 3	Star 360 Star360 Star 360 MCA MCA	Reading: 45-90 minutes Math: 105-150 minutes 2-3 hours - MCA Reading 2-2.5 hours - MCA Science
Eleventh Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Math 	April 15-May 3	MCA	1.5-2.5 hours - MCA Math
ACCESS for Ells	March 1-22, 2024	ACCESS	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

PSAT			
11th - Reading, Writing and Language, & Math	October 17, 2023	PSAT	3 hours
ASVAB			
10th-12th graders	February 14, 2024	ASVAB	2-3 hours

ACT			
10, 11th & 12th - Reading, Math, Science, & Writing	Oct 28, 2023 <i>March 12, 2024 (during school)</i> April 13, 2024 June 8, 2024	ACT	3.5 hours (plus 40 minutes for optional writing section)
SAT			
11th & 12th - Reading, Writing and Language, & Math	Nov 4, 2023 Mar 9, 2024	SAT	3 hours (plus 50 minutes for optional essay)
AP Tests			
AP US Government & Politics	Monday, May 6, 2024 @ 8 a.m.	AP	3.5 hours
AP Microeconomics	Tuesday, May 7, 2024 @ 8 a.m.	AP	3.5 hours
AP Human Geography	Tuesday, May 7, 2024 @ 8 a.m.	AP	3.5 hours
AP English Lit & Comp	Wednesday, May 8, 2024 @ 8 a.m.	AP	3.5 hours
AP Environmental Science	Thursday, May 9, 2024 @ 8 a.m.	AP	3.5 hours
AP Art & Design	Friday, May 10, 2024	AP	
AP Calculus	Monday, May 13, 2024 @ 8 a.m.	AP	3.5 hours
AP World History	Wednesday, May 15, 2024 @ 8 a.m.	AP	3.5 hours
AP Physics	Friday, May 17, 2024 @ 8 a.m.	AP	3.5 hours