

## White Bear Lake Area Schools 2019/2020 Assessment Calendar

Date	Assessment	Grades Assessed
September, 2019		
Aug. 28 and Sept. 3	Fall FAST Literacy Screening - administered at Welcome Back Conferences	Gr1 - Gr5
Sep. 4 - Oct. 1	Fall aReading and aMath	Gr1 - Gr5
October, 2019		
Oct. 21 - Nov. 1	Common Interim Assessment, Literacy and Math	K - Gr5
Oct. 29	Pre ACT 9 and Pre ACT 10	Gr9, Gr10
November, 2019		
Nov. 19 - Dec. 20	CogAT	All Gr2, Gr4 by request
December, 2019		
January, 2020		
Jan 2. - Jan. 25	Winter FAST Literacy Assessment	K - Gr5
Jan 2. - Feb. 1	Winter aReading and aMath	Gr1 - Gr5
Jan. 2 - Feb. 1	MAP - Reading and Math	Gr6 - Gr8
Jan. 13 - Jan. 24	Common Interim Assesment, Math	K-Gr5
Jan. 27 - Mar.20	ACCESS for EL, English proficiency	EL students, K - Gr12
February, 2020		
Feb. 17 - Mar. 6	Common Interim Assessment, Literacy	Gr4, Gr5
March, 2020		
Mar. 2 - Mar. 27	Common Interim Assessment, Literacy	Gr3
Mar. 2 - May 1	MCA/MTAS Reading and Math Window	Gr3 - Gr11
Mar. 2 - May 8	MCA/MTAS Science Window	Gr5, Gr8, HS
Mar. 23 - Apr. 2	Common Interim Assessment, Math	K - Gr5
Mar. 20	ACCESS for EL Window closes	K - Gr12
Mar. 24	ACT	Gr11
April, 2020		
April 6 - 30	MCA Classroom Testing	Gr3 - Gr11
May, 2020		
May. 1	MCA & MTAS Reading and Math Window closes	Gr3 - Gr11
May. 8	MCA & MTAS Science Window closes	Gr3 - Gr11
May 4 - May 30	Spring aReading and aMath	Gr1, Gr3
May 4 - May 29	FAST Spring literacy screening	K- Gr5

## White Bear Lake Area Schools 2019/2020 Assessment Calendar

### District Assessments

Assessment	Purpose of Assessment	Average Test Duration
aReading and aMath	aReading and aMath is a computer-based adaptive assessment that measures student ability and growth compared against national norms. These assessments are used to identify individualized instruction based on student need.	Grades 1-5: 30 minutes per test
Common Interim Assessments	The Literacy and Math Common Interim Assessments are aligned to the Minnesota Academic Standards. These formative assessments were written by White Bear teachers to identify areas of mastery and gaps in student understanding, with a goal of adjusting instruction to ensure students reach mastery.	Grades K - 5: 15 to 45 minutes, depending on subject and grade level
Measure of Academic Progress: MAP Reading and MAP Math	MAP is a computer-based adaptive assessment in Reading and in Math. MAP is used to measure a student's progress and growth in the middle grades. MAP also helps teachers know where a student's strengths are and if help is needed in specific areas. Teachers use this information to guide classroom instruction. Student progress is assessed in the winter in 6th through 8th grade.	Grades 6-8: 1 hour, 15 minutes per test.
Cognitive Abilities Test: CogAT	The CogAT measures learned reasoning and problem solving skills in three different areas: verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal. Data gathered from the CogAT will help staff make decisions regarding programming and when making considerations for gifted identification in 3rd grade. CogAT is administered to all students in 2nd grade, and in grade 4 based on parent or teacher recommendation.	2.5 hours.
FAST Literacy Assessment	FAST assessments are used to identify student strengths and areas for growth in letter identification, letter sounds, word decoding, and reading fluency. FAST assessments are administered to elementary level students in the fall, winter, and spring.	5 minutes.
Pre-ACT	The Pre-ACT is a college readiness assessment administered to students in 9th and 10th grade. The Pre-ACT is used to measure college readiness, for post-secondary planning, and as a practice for the ACT college entrance exam. The Pre-ACT is offered during the school day.	2 - 3 hours

## White Bear Lake Area Schools 2019/2020 Assessment Calendar

<b>State Assessments</b>		
Assessment	Purpose of Assessment	Average Test Duration
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment: MCA - Reading, Math and Science	The MCA is a computer-based assessment created by the Minnesota Department of Education to measure student progress towards Minnesota's academic standards. Schools are required to assess students using the MCA in reading (grades 3 - 8, 10), math (grades 3-8, 11), and Science (grades 3, 8, 10.)	Reading: 2.5 - 3.5 hours Math: 1.5 - 2.5 hours Science: 1.75 - 2 hours
Minnesota Test of Academic Skills: MTAS - Reading, Math and Science	The MTAS is an assessment created by the Minnesota Department of Education as an alternate to the MCA. Students who receive special education services and meet MTAS eligibility requirements take the MTAS in Reading, Math, or Science.	Times vary
ACT + Writing	The ACT is a college readiness assessment administered to students in 11th grade. The ACT is used to measure college readiness, for post-secondary planning, and as a college entrance exam. White Bear High School offers students the opportunity to take the ACT at no charge during the school day.	4.5 hours
ACCESS for English Learners	The ACCESS is administered to English learners in order to measure progress toward meeting Minnesota's standards for English language development. Schools are required to test English learners in grades K - 12.	3 hours

April, 2020, Tentative MCA Schedule				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
	Gr3-Gr5, MCA Reading, 9:30-11:00			Gr3-5 MCA Reading Make-ups
6	7	8	9	10
Gr3-5 MCA Reading Make-ups	Gr3-Gr5, MCA Math, 9:30-11:00 Gr6-Gr8 & Gr10 MCA Reading, Tuesday 8:00-11:30			
13	14	15	16	17
Gr3-5 MCA Math Make-up	Gr6-Gr8 MCA Math, Tuesday, 8:00 - 11:30 Gr11 MCA Math, Tues - Thurs during math classes			
20	21	22	23	24
	Gr5, Gr8, HS, MCA Science in science class All grades, MCA Reading and Math Make-up			
27	28	29	30	1