



Aim Academy of Science & Technology (AAST) Testing & Assessment Calendar 2023-24

Dates	Assessment	Grade	Use/Site	Estimated Time
2023-24				
September 11- september 28	NWEA: Reading and Math	Grades 6-11	Aim Academy of Science & Technology	2 hours
January 8 – Jan 18	NWEA: Reading and Math	Grades 6-11	Aim Academy of Science & Technology	2 hours
Feb 5th – March 22	Access (online)	6-11 All ELL	Aim Academy of Science & Technology	4 hours
Feb 10th & April 13th	ACT	11	Aim Academy of Science & Technology	3.5 hours
March 18-May 3	MTAS Reading, Math, Science	Grades 6-11	Aim Academy of Science & Technology	Varies by student
April 29-May 10	MCA Science	Grade 8& 10	Aim Academy of Science & Technology	1.5-2.5 hours
March 18- April 26	MCA Reading	Grade 6, 7 & 8, 10	Aim Academy of Science & Technology	2-3 hours
March 18-April 26	MCA Math	Grade 6,7 & 8,11	Aim Academy of Science & Technology	1.5-2.5 hours
April 29-May 3	MCA Reading & Math	Make Up Day	Aim Academy of Science & Technology	2-3 hours
May 6-10	MCA Science	Make up Day	Aim Academy of Science & Technology	1.5-2.5 hours



May 20-31	NWEA: Reading and Math	Grades 6-11	Aim Academy of Science & Technology	2 hours
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Purpose and Rationale of Statewide Assessments

Our AAST assessments provide data to help make instructional decisions, including qualification for interventions, Title Funded Programming, resource classes and academic achievement opportunities.

*State Required Testing

Test Name & Test Dates	Grades Tested	Objectives and Use	Estimated Time	Rationale
*Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners (ACCESS)	6-11 English Learners	ACCESS for ELLs is given annually to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English. Statewide Assessments	All Components 2-3 hours	ESEA
Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Northwest Evaluation Association	6-11	This computerized test is given in the fall and spring to measure students' growth in meeting the state standards. Some schools test some students in the winter to measure progress.	NWEA Reading 60 minutes NWEA Math 60 minutes	Base-line Data, inform Instruction, and Students' growth in meeting state standards
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) Reading: Grades 6-8, 10 Math: Grades 6-8, 11 Science 8	6, 7, 8, 11	These are assessments required by the state of MN to measure student growth, closing achievement gaps, and school and district progress at meeting state standards.	MCA Reading 3.5 hours MCA Math 1.5-2 Hours MCA Science 1.75-2 Hours	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESEA



<p>*Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS)</p>	<p>IEP Students 6, 7, 8, 10</p>	<p>These are alternative state assessments available for students with disabilities whose Individual Education Plan (IEP) states they need an alternative assessment.</p>	<p>Reading MTAS 45-90 minutes Math MTAS 30-60 minutes Science MTAS 30-60 minutes</p>	<p>Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESEA</p>
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