

Spectrum 2023-2024 Testing Calendar (see statutory requirements below)

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Date(s)	Test	Grades	Requirements	Purpose	Rationale	Approximate Length of Time	Notes
Fall: Aug. 28, 2024 - Sept. 15 MS and HS Winter: Jan. 22-26, 2024 MS and HS Spring: March 19 - 22, 2024 MS, April 2-5 HS	FASTbridge Testing in Math and Reading	6-12	Local	The FASTbridge interim assessments provide individual student data to inform instructional strategies. The data can be analyzed on a district level over the course of one year as well as trends over the course of multiple years. This assessment will serve as the standardized test utilized to create district/site Q-Comp goals.	In support of a competency based system of teaching and learning based on Minnesota State Academic Standards, on going evaluation of student progress is essential. It allows for responsive feedback and instructional intervention within the teaching and learning process that facilitates increased student growth and achievement. Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.021, 120B.11, and 120B.31	90 minutes (3 x's annually) or 270	<i>Required by the district/school.</i>
Wednesday, October 11, 2023	PSAT/NMSQT	10-11	Local	Provides practice for the SAT and allows 11th grade students the possibility of scholarship opportunities. Measures critical reading, math, and writing skills	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30	2 hours 45 minutes	<i>Optional</i>
Thursday, October 26, 2023	PSAT 8/9	9	Local	Used to meet qualification requirements for concurrent enrollment classes in 10th grade. Provides practice for SAT.	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30	3 Hours	<i>Optional</i>
February 5-9, 2024 February 5th, 2024- Reading February 6th, 2024-Listening February 7th, 2024-Speaking February 8th, 2024-Speaking February 9th, 2024-Writing	Access for ELL	6-12	State	To provide measurement of five content areas of the English language learner development standards and provide a proficiency level for logical progression.	ESEA	Over Multiple Days	<i>Required by federal law, but only for students qualifying for ELL services</i>
Tues, March 12, 2024	ACT (no writing)	11	State/Federal	Fulfills state requirement to offer a college placement exam; measures college readiness as well as provides scholarship opportunities	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30	2 hours 55 minutes (no writing)	<i>Optional</i>
Wed., March 20, 2024	MCA Reading and Math	10-11	State	To provide evidence of student proficiency in grade level standards.	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESEA	2-3 hours (Reading) (approx. 2.5) 1.5-2.5 (Math) (approx. 2)	<i>Required by State law. 1/2 day for high school students and senior skip day</i>
April 2-5, 2024	MCA Reading	6-8	State	To provide evidence of student proficiency in grade level standards.	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESEA	2.5-3.5 hours (approx. 3)	<i>Required by State law.</i>
April 8-12, 2024	MCA Science	10	State	To provide evidence of student proficiency in grade level standards.	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESEA	2.5-3.5 hours (approx.3)	<i>Required by State law.</i>
April 15-19, 2024	MCA Math	6-8	State	To provide evidence of student proficiency in grade level standards.	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESEA	2-3 hours (approx. 2.5)	<i>Required by State law.</i>
April 29 - May 3, 2024	MCA Science	8	State	To provide evidence of student proficiency in grade level standards.	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESEA	1.5-2 hours (approx. 1.75)	<i>Required by State law.</i>
May 7, 2024 (8:00-11:00 a.m.)	AP Human Geography	9	Local	To determine eligibility for college credit	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30	2 hours 15 minutes	<i>Optional</i>
May 15, 2024 (12:00-2:30 p.m.)	AP Computer Science Principles	10-12	Local	To determine eligibility for college credit	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30	2 hours	<i>Optional</i>
May 16, 2024 (12:00-4:00 p.m.)	AP Biology	10	Local	To determine eligibility for college credit	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30	3.5 hours	<i>Optional</i>

Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.301 LIMITS ON LOCAL TESTING.

(a) For students in grades 1 through 6, the cumulative total amount of time spent taking locally adopted districtwide or schoolwide assessments must not exceed ten hours per school year. For students in grades 7 through 12, the cumulative total amount of time spent taking locally adopted districtwide or schoolwide assessments must not exceed 11 hours per school year. For purposes of this paragraph, international baccalaureate and advanced placement exams are not considered locally adopted assessments.

(b) A district or charter school is exempt from the requirements of paragraph (a), if the district or charter school, in consultation with the exclusive representative of the teachers or other teachers if there is no exclusive representative of the teachers, decides to exceed a time limit in paragraph (a) and includes the information in the report required under section 120B.11, subdivision 5.

(c) A district or charter school, before the first day of each school year, must publish on its website a comprehensive calendar of standardized tests to be administered in the district or charter school during that school year. The calendar must provide the rationale for administering each assessment and indicate whether the assessment is a local option or required by state or federal law.

Grade Levels	6-12		
Cumulative Hours of Testing (not including optional tests)	<i>Only 4 1/2 hours of local testing is required. All other testing is required by state or federal law or is optional for students.</i>		