

Birch Grove Community School Testing Calendar – 2026-2027

District local assessments:

FastBridge

K-1: EarlyReading Composite, Oral Repetition, and EarlyMath Composite

2/3 aReading, CBM reading, Nonsense Words, aMath, CMBmath Automaticity

4/5: aReading, AUTOreading, aMath, CBMmath Automaticity

Capti Read Basix

4-5th Word Recognition and Decoding, Vocabulary, Morphology, Reading Efficiency, Sentence Processing, Reading Comprehension

Students in grade 4-5th who are not reading at or above grade level based off of FastBridge results will be assessed using Capti Read Basix.

K-5th grade FASTBRIDGE Fall Assessment

K-5th Grade: 9/14/2026-9/25/2026

Administered in this time window by the classroom teacher

K-5th grade FASTBRIDGE Winter Assessment:

K-5th Grade 01/11/27-01/22/27

Administered in this time window by the classroom teacher

K-5th grade FASTBRIDGE Spring Assessment:

K-5th Grade 05/03/27-05/14/27

Administered in this time window by the classroom teacher

3rd-5th Grade MCA/MTAS/ALT test:

Reading: 04/19/27-04/20/27

Math: 04/21/27-04/22/27

5th Grade MCA Science test: 04/27/27

Make-up day: 04/27/27

4th-5th grade Capti Read Basix:

Fall: 9/14/2026-9/25/2026

Winter: 01/11/27-01/22/27

Spring: 05/03/27-05/13/27

MCA Purpose: To measure achievement on the Minnesota Academic Standards

MCA Rationale: section 120B.30 and ESEA

Source of the Requirement: Minnesota Statutes 120B.30 ESSA

(<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/120b.30>)

Birch Grove Community School uses FastBridge Universal Screeners multiple times per year to quickly check to see if students are on track to meet grade level targets. 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.

Fastbridge rationale: Local requirements

Estimated Time Testing:

Kindergarten:

- Fastbridge yearly: 30 Minutes- 1 hour

1st Grade:

- Fastbridge yearly: 30 Minutes- 1 hour

2nd Grade:

- Fastbridge yearly: 2 – 3 hours

3rd Grade:

- Fastbridge yearly: 2-3 hours
- Reading MCA: 1-2.5 hours
- Math MCA: 1-2.5 hours

4th Grade:

- Fastbridge yearly: 3-4 hours
- Capti Read Basix yearly: 1-2 hours
- Reading MCA: 1-2.5 hours

- Math MCA: 1-2.5 hours

5th grade:

- Fastbridge yearly: 3-4 hours
- Capti Read Basix yearly: 1-2 hours
- Reading MCA: 1-2.5 hours
- Math MCA: 1-2.5 hours
- Science MCA: .5-1.5 hours

Final MCA and Fastbridge results will be mailed home no later than fall conferences of the following year.