



Minnesota Valley Education District 6027

District Testing and Assessment Calendar 2025-2026

Minnesota Valley Education District Testing and Assessment incorporates state-wide testing, classroom assignments and observation to provide a complete profile of student achievement and curricular strengths and weaknesses.

When	Who	What	Why	Time
September 8-19	Grades K-12	FAST Reading, Math, and Social Emotional Behavior Skills	Local Standardized Assessment used to benchmark and monitor student learning and inform teacher instruction.	20-30 min Reading 20-30 min Math 15-20 min SAEBRS
January 19- 28	Grades K-12	FAST Reading, Math, and Social Emotional Behavior Skills	Local Standardized Assessment used to benchmark and monitor student learning and inform teacher instruction.	20-30 min Reading 20-30 min Math 15-20 min SAEBRS
Jan 26 - March 20	K-12 ELL Students	Access ELL Alternate Access ELL	Federal Mandate	30-90 min
March 2 - May 1	Gr 3-8 Reading/Math Gr 10 Reading Gr 11 Math	MCA Reading, MCA Math MTAS	State Mandate	120-240 reading 60-120 math
March 2 - May 7	Gr 5, 8, 10	MCA Science	State Mandate	60-120 science
Students participate in resident districts or April 13-17 at MVED	Grade 11	ACT	College and Career Readiness and Entrance Exam - Optional Offered to all 11th Grade Students	4 hours
January 5-13 or May 19-27	Gr 9	Civics Test	Federal Mandate	30-90 min
May 11 - 20	Grades K-12	FAST Reading, Math, and Social Emotional Behavior Skills	Local Standardized Assessment used to benchmark and monitor student learning and inform teacher instruction.	20-30 min Reading 20-30 min Math 15-20 min SAEBRS



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MCA Reading, Math, and Science assessments will be administered online unless modifications are required for special programming. MTAS Reading, Math, and Science assessments are administered in paper format. All MCA/MTAS student reports will be shared with parents via mail or conferences in the fall of the subsequent year.

MCA/MTAS Tests - These tests help schools and districts measure student progress toward the state's academic standards. The tests are given in grades 3-8, 10 and 11. The science MCAs are administered in grades 5, 8 and 10th grade.

FAST Tests - Local Standardized Assessment used to benchmark and monitor student learning and inform teacher instruction.

Civics Test - The civics test questions relate to foundational ideas in civics education and must be passed to graduate high school.

Parent/Guardian Guide to Statewide Testing and Opting out of Testing Form

Click this link to review the state testing requirements and view the form for opting-out a student from state-required assessments.

- <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/fam/tests/index.htm>