

## **Murray County Central Testing Schedule—2019-20**

(This schedule is subject to updates)

October 16	PSAT for Junior who register for it	(National)
October 29	ASVAB for all Juniors	(National)
February 24-28	ACCESS for ELLs 2/18 - all grades ACCESS listening 2/19 - all grades ACCESS reading 2/20 - all grades ACCESS speaking 2/21 - all grades ACCESS writing 2/24 - all grades ACCESS make up testing	(State)
March 2	MTAS & MCA test windows open	
March 24	ACT at MCC for Juniors who register	(National & District)
April 2-3	Grade 10 MCA Reading	(State)
April 8-9	Grade 8 Reading MCA	(State)
April 15-16	Grade 7 Reading MCA	(State)
April 21-22	Grade 11 Math MCA	(State)
April 22-24	Grades 3-6 Reading MCA Four grades testing for 3 days	(State)
April 23-24	Grade 8 Math MCA	(State)
April 28-30	Grades 3-6 Math MCA Four grades testing for 3 days	(State)
April 28-29	Grade 7 Math MCA	(State)
May 1	Reading & Math MCA & MTAS closes	(State)
April 30-May 1	HS Science (GR 10) Science MCA	(State)
May 4-6	Grade 5 Science MCA	(State)
May 5-6	Grade 8 Science MCA	(State)
May 8	Science MCA window closes	
May	Grades K-6 AIMS Testing	(District)

Test results for MCA and ELL testing will be distributed at fall conferences.  
Information on state tests can be found at the Minnesota Department of Education website:  
<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/fam/tests/>

## Purposes and Rationales of Statewide Assessments

Test	Purpose	Rationale	Source of the
MCA and MTAS	To measure achievement on the Minnesota Academic Standards	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESEA	Minnesota Statutes 120B.30 ESEA
ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS	To annually assess English language proficiency of all English learners	ESEA	ESEA
College Entrance Exams (ACT and/or SAT)	To provide Minnesota students information related to career and college readiness	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30	Minnesota Statutes 120B.30

## Estimated Times for Testing

### Testing Times for Grades 1–12

#### ACCESS Test

Listening

Reading

Speaking

Writing Tier A

Writing Tier B/C

### Minutes per Test (student work only)

Up to 40 Minutes

Up to 35 Minutes

Up to 30 Minutes

45–60 Minutes

60–65 Minutes

Table 17. Estimated Test Administration Times for Online Reading MCA Grade and Test	End of Group 1	End of Group 2	End of Group 3	End of Group 4	End of Group 5	Total Number of Items	Typical Range
3 Reading MCA	Item 8	Item 24	Item 32	Item 48	Item 49	49 items	1–2.5 hours
4 Reading MCA	Item 8	Item 24	Item 32	Item 48	Item 49	49 items	1–2.5 hours
5 Reading MCA	Item 8	Item 24	Item 32	Item 48	Item 49	49 items	1–2.5 hours
6 Reading MCA	Item 15	Item 30	Item 38	Item 53	Item 54	54 items	1–2.5 hours
7 Reading MCA	Item 15	Item 30	Item 38	Item 53	Item 54	54 items	1–2.5 hours
8 Reading MCA	Item 15	Item 30	Item 38	Item 53	Item 54	54 items	1–2.5 hours
10 Reading MCA	Item 17	Item 34	Item 44	Item 61	NA	61 items	1–2.5 hours

<b>Estimated Test Administration Times for Online Mathematics MCA Grade and Test</b>	<b>Total Number of Items</b>	<b>Typical Range</b>
3 Mathematics MCA	49	1–2.5 hours
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5 Mathematics MCA	49	1–2.5 hours
6 Mathematics MCA	49	1–2.5 hours
7 Mathematics MCA	49	1–2.5 hours
8 Mathematics MCA	49	1–2.5 hours
11 Mathematics MCA	55	1–2 hours

<b>Estimated Test Administration Times for Online Science MCA Grade and Test</b>	<b>Number of Items in Section 1</b>	<b>Number of Items in Section 2</b>	<b>Total Number of Items</b>	<b>Typical Range</b>
5 Science MCA	26–27	27–28	54	0.5–1.5 hours
8 Science MCA	32–34	32–34	66	0.5–1.5 hours
High School Science MCA	40–42	41–43	83	0.5–1.5 hours

<b>Estimated Test Administration Times for MTAS Subject and Test</b>	<b>Estimated Time</b>
Reading MTAS	45–90 minutes
Mathematics MTAS	30–60 minutes
Science MTAS	30–60 minutes