

Melrose Area Schools Assessment Overview

ISD 740

2018-2019

Name of Test	Objective	Grades Tested	Dates Administered in 2018-2019	
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) Reading Math	MCA's are required state assessments that help districts measure student progress toward Minnesota's academic standards and meet the requirements of No Child Left Behind. Results are used to make decisions for students about curriculum and instructional practices.	3-8 & 10 Reading 3-8 & 11 Math	March 2-May 1	State Requirement
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) Science	The science MCA is an online assessment that presents a series of science scenarios to assess students' achievement in science. This test is part of the No Child Left Behind Legislation but is not used to determine adequate yearly progress.	5, 8 and High School	March 2 – May 8	State Requirement
Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS)	MTAS is Minnesota's alternate assessment based on alternate achievement standards. The MTAS is designed to measure the extent to which students with significant cognitive disabilities are making progress in the general curriculum.	3-8 & 10 - Reading 3-8 & 11 - Math 5,8, and High School – Science	March 2 – May 1	State Requirement

Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State – to – State (ACCESS)	ACCESS is a reading, writing, listening, and speaking test for English Learners (ELs) designed to demonstrate growth from year to year.	K-12 English Learners	January 24-March 20	State Requirement
STAR 360 Reading Math	STAR assessments are computer adaptive tests in reading and math that can be used for screening and progress monitoring to aid with instructional decisions and interventions.	Reading K-11	Progress Monitoring and Benchmark Fall, Winter, and Spring	Local Requirement
ACT	The ACT is a standardized aptitude examination for college admission.	11	February 25	Optional to 11 th grade Students
FAST Bridge	FAST assess a students' reading abilities. It tests letter names, letter sounds, and reading fluency. It helps to identify their reading level and allows teachers to plan for appropriate reading instruction/ interventions. FAST creates a personalized assessment experience by adapting to each student's learning level—precisely measuring student progress and growth for each individual.	K-5	Progress Monitoring and Benchmark Fall, Winter, and Spring	Local Requirement
Fountas and Pinnell (F & P)	F and P assess student's accuracy, fluency, and comprehension.	K-5	Benchmark 2 times per school year	Local Requirement