

North Shore Community School #4084 Comprehensive Testing Calendar  
2020-2021

Students at North Shore Community School are required by the state of Minnesota to take the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments. These assessments are commonly known as the MCA, MTAS, or ACCESS exams. In addition to the state required tests, NSCS also administers the NWEA or MAP assessments in the subject areas of reading and math. These assessments are used to show student progress and growth over the course of the year. They also provide data to show growth from one school year to the next.

The MCA, MTAS, and ACCESS results are used for student and school accountability. Parents will receive preliminary student results at the end of the school year that show how students did on the test. For more information regarding these state assessments, please review the information on the Minnesota Department of Education's website: [www.education.state.mn.us](http://www.education.state.mn.us)

The NWEA test results are used by teachers and administration to make educational decisions to best meet the students at their learning level. Results will be shared with parents at conferences. For more information regarding these local assessments, please review the information on the NWEA website: [www.nwea.org](http://www.nwea.org)

The testing schedule for the year is listed below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Test</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Estimated Test Time</b>
September 21- October 2	NWEA Math/ Reading	1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	45 minutes – 1.5 hours depending on grade
January 19-29	NWEA Math/ Reading	Kindergarten-6th	45 minutes-1.5 hours depending on grade
March 23-26	MCA	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science	2 - 3.5 hours
April 19-April 27	MCA	3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Reading	2 - 3.5 hours
April 26-May 7	MCA	3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Math	2 - 3.5 hours
May 17-28	NWEA Math/ Reading	Kindergarten-6 <sup>th</sup>	45 minutes - 1.5 hours depending on grade