

## AFSA Assessments Calendar 2023-2024

Assessment	When Administered	Subject Matter	Time spent on test	Purpose of Assessment
STAR Reading & Math	Grades 3 - 12  Dates may be adjusted: Placement testing when students enroll October 3-13 (7-12) November 6-17 (K-6) Feb 26-March 6 (K-12) May 13-24 (K-12)	Reading & Math	35 - 45 minutes each test	Progress monitoring and intervention identification, curriculum planning, placement level identification
ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS	February 1 - 16	Social and instructional language	170 minutes (grades 1 - 12) 45 minutes (kindergarten)	State required for English Language Learners
MCA & MTAS Math	Grades 3 - 8 and 11  April 1-12	Math	Unlimited timing, typically 75 - 120 minutes	State required
MCA & MTAS Reading	Grades 3 - 8 and 10  April 16-30	Reading	Unlimited timing, typically 60 - 120 minutes	State required
MCA & MTAS Science	Grades 5, 8, and students enrolled in Biology (typically 9th grade)  May 1-10	Science	Unlimited timing, typically 45 - 90 minutes	State required
PSAT	Grade 11 (optional; fee-based)  October 10	Reading & Math	2 hours, 45 minutes	Practice college readiness exam with potential for scholarship opportunities.
ASVAB	Grade 11 or 12 (Optional) March 2023	Reading, Math, Science, Spatial and Technical	2.5 - 2 hours	College and career readiness (alternate to the ACT for some students)
Accuplacer	Grade 12 (Optional)	Reading, Math,	Untimed	College placement for students planning to attend

	Late April/early May	Writing		a 2-year institution
ACT	Grades 11 or 12 (optional; fee-based)  April 13, 2024	Reading, Math, Writing	4.5 hours	College entrance exam  Required to offer by the state
DIBELS Reading	Grades K - 2 Placement testing when students enroll, progress monitoring throughout the year  Dates may be adjusted: September 11 - 22 January 16-25 May 15-26	Reading skills	Average of 20 minutes	Read Well by 3rd Grade Progress monitoring and assessment Dyslexia Screener
TILLS	Grades K-4 - when determined by MTSS team for intervention support	Language Acquisition & Literacy Skills screener	70-90 minutes	Dyslexia screener, Intervention screener
Brigance	K - within 30 days of enrolling in kindergarten	Academic Skills/ School readiness	Average of 15 minutes	Kindergarten Screening

#### Score Distribution

Scores for local tests (Star Reading and Math, DIBELS Reading, Math CBM) are used locally for course placement, progress monitoring and instructional planning throughout the school year.

Scores on national tests (ACT, PSAT, ASVAB, Accuplacer) are mailed to students 6 - 8 weeks after the testing date.

Scores for Minnesota Statewide Testing (ACCESS, MCA, MTAS) are embargoed through August and Individual Score Reports are mailed to each family before fall conferences.