



Independent School District 625 Saint Paul Public Schools
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St. Paul Public Schools Assessment Details

For specific testing dates please go to the district testing calendar at: http://rea.spps.org/Testing_Calendars

Test Name	Subject	Purpose	Length of Test	How Results are Shared with families
ACCESS 2.0	Listening, Reading, Speaking and Listening	The ACCESS is an English language proficiency accountability assessment designed to measure students' achievement on the WIDA English Language Development Standards for English learners in grades K–12. ACCESS is required by state and federal law.	4 hours and 30 minutes	Paper results from previous winter's assessment are given to families at the beginning of the school year.
ACT Plus Writing	English, Math, Reading, Science and Writing	The ACT Plus Writing is a national college admissions assessment that is accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the United States. This test is administered during the school day to help students prepare their post-secondary plans and to help lower the barriers to entry in college and university. The ACT Plus Writing is required to be offered by state law.	3 hours and 35 minutes	Results are sent directly to families by ACT.



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CogAT 7	Non-Verbal, Verbal and Quantitative Skills	The CogAT 7 is one of the tools used to identify students for gifted and talented programming.	Kindergarten: 1 hour and 25 minutes Grades 1-5: 2 hours and 30 minutes	Paper results are sent to families via the mail in January.
FAST early Reading and aReading	Reading	FAST earlyReading and aReading are benchmark assessments used to determine where a student is at academically at multiple points during the year. In addition, earlyReading and aReading are used to measure student growth throughout the year. FAST in grades K-2 is used to meet state testing requirements.	30 to 45 minutes	



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MCA and MTAS	Math grades 3-8 and 11 Reading grades 3-8 and 10 Science grades 5, 8 and high school Biology students	<p>The purpose of the MCA is to measure Minnesota students' achievement on the Minnesota Academic Standards. The MCA results inform curriculum decisions at the district level; inform instruction at the classroom level; and, in reading and mathematics, demonstrate student academic progress from year to year.</p> <p>The MCAs are the primary assessments Minnesota uses to meet state and federal accountability requirements. The MCAs are required by state and federal law.</p>	<p>Math: 1-2½ hours depending on grade</p> <p>Reading: 1-2½ hours</p> <p>Science: 1-1½ hours</p>	Paper results are sent to families via the mail in August.
Pre K Assessments	Literacy and Math	The Pre K Assessments measures if students are meeting certain benchmarks throughout the school year.	<p>Literacy: 10 minutes</p> <p>Math: 10 minutes</p>	Teachers share results with families.