Minnesota Department of Education

2012-2013 Testing Schedule

While the Minnesota Department of Education strives to ensure this testing schedule remains unaltered, it is subject to change based on assessment decisions made by the state Legislature or reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

OCTOBER 2012

1 Optional Local Purpose Assessment (OLPA) Mathematics Grades 3–8 Online Begins

NOVEMBER 2012

7 GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10–12
13 GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10–12 (Make-up)

FEBRUARY 2013

4 ACCESS for ELLs ® Begins
22 Optional Local Purpose (OLPA) Mathematics Grades 3–8 Online Ends

MARCH 2013

11 MCA Mathematics Grades 3–8 Online Begins
18 MCA Reading Grades 3–8, 10 Online Begins
MCA-Modified Reading[1] Grades 5–8, 10 and Mathematics Grades 5–8 Online Begins
MCA Science Begins
MTAS Reading, Mathematics, and Science Begins
22 ACCESS for ELLs ® Ends

APRIL 2013

15 MCA Paper Reading and Mathematics Grades 3–8 Begins
16 MCA Paper Reading and Mathematics Grades 10 and 11 and MCA-Modified Mathematics Grade 11: Segments 1 and 2[2]
GRAD Writing Grade 9 and Writing Retest Seniors Only
17 MCA Paper Reading and Mathematics Grades 10 and 11 and MCA-Modified Mathematics Grade 11: Segments 3 and 4
23 GRAD Writing Grade 9 (Make-up) and Writing Retest Seniors Only (Make-up)

MAY 2013

3 MCA Paper Reading and Mathematics Grades 3–8 Ends
10 MCA Reading Grades 3–8, 10 and Mathematics Grades 3–8 Online Ends
MCA-Modified Reading Grades 5–8, 10 and Mathematics Grades 5–8 Online Ends
MTAS Reading, Mathematics, and Science Ends
17 MCA Science Ends

JULY 2013

23 GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10-12
24 GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10-12 (Make-up)

Districts set GRAD Retest schedules for their district within the MDE defined window. MDE offers GRAD Retest opportunities the first Tuesday through Wednesday of the following week each month. Students are eligible to retest every other month.

= online test

[1] Pending clarification of ESEA guidelines regarding approval process for Modified assessments.
[2] Make-up dates are April 24–25 and April 30–May 1. See Chapter 8 of the *Procedures Manual for Minnesota Assessments* for details on make-up tests for the high school MCA tests.

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