Minnesota Department of Education

2014-2015 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).

SEPTEMBER 2014

29 Optional Local Purpose Assessment (OLPA) Reading Grades 3–8, 10 and Mathematics Grades 3–8, 11 Online Begins

NOVEMBER 2014

5 GRAD Written Composition Retest Grades 10–12
12 GRAD Written Composition Retest Grades 10–12 (Make-up)

FEBRUARY 2015

2 ACCESS for ELLs ® and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs® Begins
20 Optional Local Purpose Assessment (OLPA) Reading Grades 3–8, 10 and Mathematics Grades 3–8 Online Ends

MARCH 2015

9 MCA Reading Grades 3–8, 10 and Mathematics Grades 3–8, 11 Online Begins
16 MCA Science Begins
MTAS Reading, Mathematics, and Science Begins
20 ACCESS for ELLs ® and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs® Ends

APRIL 2015

13 MCA Paper Reading and Mathematics Grades 3–8 Begins
14 MCA Paper Reading and Mathematics Grades 10 and 11: Segments 1 and 2[1]
GRAD Written Composition Grade 9 and Written Composition Retest Grade 12 Only
15 MCA Paper Reading and Mathematics Grades 10 and 11: Segments 3 and 4[1]
21 GRAD Written Composition Grade 9 (Make-up) and Written Composition Retest Grade 12 Only (Make-up)

MAY 2015

1 MCA Paper Reading and Mathematics Grades 3–8 Ends
8 MCA Reading Grades 3–8, 10 and Mathematics Grades 3–8, 11 Online Ends
MTAS Reading, Mathematics, and Science Ends
15 MCA Science Ends

JULY 2015

21 GRAD Written Composition Retest Grades 10–12
22 GRAD Written Composition 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]Make-up dates are April 22-23 and April 28-29. 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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