

**Table 1a: Available Assessments Overview**

The following table provides an overview of the assessments that are planned to be available through the Minnesota Assessment System that are provided by MDE. To meet graduation assessment requirements, students have additional options; please see table 1b.

School Year	2013–2014	2014–2015	2015–2016
Title I Accountability Reading and Mathematics	MCA <b>OR</b> MCA-Modified <sup>1</sup> <b>OR</b> MTAS (Grades 3–8, 10, 11)	MCA <b>OR</b> MTAS (Grades 3–8, 10, 11)  <b>AND</b>  Career and College Assessments (Grades 8, 10, 11) <sup>2</sup>	MCA <b>OR</b> MTAS (Grades 3–7)  Career and College Assessments <sup>2,3</sup> <b>OR</b> MTAS (Grades 8, 10, 11)
Title I Accountability Science	MCA <b>OR</b> MTAS (Grades 5, 8, and HS)	MCA <b>OR</b> MTAS (Grades 5, 8, and HS)	MCA <b>OR</b> MTAS (Grades 5, 8, and HS)
Title III Accountability	ACCESS for ELLs <b>OR</b> Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	ACCESS for ELLs <b>OR</b> Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	ACCESS for ELLs <b>OR</b> Alternate ACCESS for ELLs
Graduation Requirement Assessments	GRAD Retests	GRAD Retests <b>OR</b> Career and College Assessments <sup>4</sup>	Career and College Assessments
Optional Assessments	Mathematics OLPA (Grades 3–8) EXPLORE PLAN	Mathematics and Reading OLPA (Grades 3–8, 10, 11) <sup>5</sup>	Mathematics and Reading OLPA (Grades 3–8, 10, 11)
National	NAEP (selected schools only)	NAEP (selected schools only)	NAEP (selected schools only)

<sup>1</sup> MCA-Modified is available in grades 5–8, 10, and 11.

<sup>2</sup> The Career and College Assessments also include a writing component.

<sup>3</sup> Availability of these assessments assumes federal approval following 2014-2015 administration.

<sup>4</sup> The Career and College assessments administered to meet Title I requirements may also be used to meet graduation assessment requirements.

<sup>5</sup> Reading OLPA and grade 11 Mathematics OLPA availability dependent on district participation in online administration in 2013–2014.

**Table 1b: Routes to Meeting State Graduation Assessment Requirements**

This table outlines the different routes for meeting graduation assessment requirements that are dependent on when students first enrolled in grade 8. Districts will determine what routes will be offered and used to meet requirements.

Student first enrolled in grade 8 through 2009–10	Student first enrolled in grade 8 in 2010–11 or 2011–12	Student first enrolled in grade 8 in 2012–13 and later
<p>Meet or have met Graduation-Required Assessments for Diploma (GRAD) requirements in writing, reading, and mathematics by: achieving proficiency on high school Title I assessments; passing GRAD retests<sup>6</sup>; and/or meeting GRAD alternate routes<sup>7</sup></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Take or have taken ACT/WorkKeys/Compass/Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) to meet requirements in writing, reading, and/or mathematics<sup>8</sup></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Have or receive score on equivalent assessment (district determined) to meet requirements in writing, reading, and/or mathematics</p>	<p>Meet or have met GRAD requirements in writing, reading, and mathematics by: achieving proficiency on high school Title I assessments; passing GRAD retests; and/or meeting GRAD alternate routes (except math alternate pathway)</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Take or have taken ACT/WorkKeys/Compass/ASVAB to meet requirements in writing, reading, and/or mathematics</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Have or receive score on equivalent assessment (district determined) to meet requirements in writing, reading, and/or mathematics</p>	<p>Take Grade 8 Career and College Assessment (when available)</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>Take Grade 10 Career and College Assessment</p> <p><b>POSSIBLY</b></p> <p>Take College Placement Diagnostic Assessment<sup>9</sup></p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>Take Grade 11 College Entrance Assessment</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>MTAS (for grades above)</p>

For students who are in grade 8 through 2009–2010 and are **under age 21 or turned 21 during the school year**, the requirements outlined above are followed.

For students **age 21 or over as of September 1, 2013**, a district may provide services to that student in order to meet the state graduation assessment requirements above. If a student has met the state graduation assessment requirements above and is otherwise eligible to graduate, a district may issue the student a diploma. A district is not required to provide services to a student over age 21.<sup>10</sup>

For information on students in Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs or students over age 21 meeting requirements through alternate routes, please contact the MDE ABE division at [mde.abe@state.mn.us](mailto:mde.abe@state.mn.us).

<sup>6</sup> Minnesota Alternate Assessment: Writing can still be administered to students in grades 10–12 who need an alternate assessment to meet requirements for written composition.

<sup>7</sup> GRAD alternate routes refers to mathematics alternate pathway, individual passing score, ELL exemption, and pass other state (reciprocity).

<sup>8</sup> District reimbursement policy for these assessments is still to be determined.

<sup>9</sup> Students not yet academically ready for a career or college based on their growth in academic achievement between grades 8 and 10 (as determined by performance on the grade 8 and 10 assessments) must take the college placement diagnostic exam before taking the college entrance exam in the spring.

<sup>10</sup> For students over age 21 who are no longer eligible for a free public education, the district or the student is responsible for covering the costs of assessments since they are no longer considered public school students.