2026-2027 Rothsay Public School Testing Calendar

While the Minnesota Department of Education and Rothsay Public School District strive to ensure this testing schedule remains unaltered, it is subject to change. We will communicate with parents with more detailed information as the time gets closer. We will continue to update this testing schedule and also provide families with direct communication about their child's assessment schedules and results.

MCA Testing Window for Rothsay Public Schools

MCA testing is an accountability assessment required by federal and state law to examine the progress of our district students towards achievement of the Minnesota Academic Standards. More information can be found on the MDE website.

- Teachers and principals will be sending out detailed information closer to the date. ● Exact dates and times will be available on our website by **March 8, 2027**. We will update our calendar with all details as they are finalized. If you have questions or concerns, contact your child's teacher or principal.

April 13 (Testing durations vary by subject and student- All students are given all the time needed)

- MCA Reading grades 3–8 and 10, and Mathematics grades 3–8 and 11 begin ● MCA Science grades 5, 8, and high school begin
- MTAS Reading, Mathematics, and Science begins

May 7

- MCA Reading grades 3–8 and 10, and Mathematics grades 3–8 and 11 end
- MTAS Reading, Mathematics, and Science ends

May 14

- MCA Science grades 5, 8, and high school end

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ACT EXAM

ACT Test: Optional - juniors only
The students will receive specific information regarding the time and details of signing-up to take the district-offered ACT.

- March 16, 2027

STAR ASSESSMENTS

Star Assessments are 10-30 minute standardized computer assessments that provide teachers with learning data to help inform instruction. Star tests are computer adaptive, which means they adjust to each answer your child provides. This helps teachers get the best data to help your child in the shortest amount of testing time. This information is helpful to inform instruction, progress monitoring, and determine annual growth. Students in grades 2-HS are tested in the areas of reading and math. Learn more about STAR Assessments.

STAR Assessment Testing Windows:
Parent inquiry to teachers for exact dates is encouraged if you have concerns.

- **Fall**: September 1 - October 2
- **Winter**: November 30 - January 15
- **Spring:** April 12 - May 14

FASTBRIDGE ASSESSMENT

The Minnesota Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act (Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.12, subdivision 2) requires school districts and charters to adopt and implement a K-3 literacy screener from the list of Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Approved Literacy Screening Tools. Screening tools approved by MDE include subtests to measure foundational reading skills as well as characteristics of dyslexia. Literacy screening tools were reviewed to ensure adequate classification accuracy, reliability, validity, sample representativeness (norms), bias analysis, and ease of administration and scoring.

Rothsay will be utilizing Fastbridge Assessments for grades K-6 screening.

Fastbridge Assessment Testing Windows:
Parent inquiry to teachers for exact dates is encouraged if you have concerns.

- **Fall**: September 1 - October 9
- **Winter**: January 4 - February 19
- **Spring:** April 5 - May 14

CAPTI READ BASIX ASSESSMENT

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Rothsay will be utilizing Capti Read Basix for grades 4-12 screening.

Capti Read Basix Assessment Testing Windows:

Parent inquiry to teachers for exact dates is encouraged if you have concerns.

- **Fall**: September 1 - October 9
- **Winter**: January 4 - February 19
- **Spring:** April 5 - May 14

Spring MCA results are available the following fall for educator interpretation, parent notification, and federal/state accountability.

Other assessment results are available from teachers quarterly, at conferences, and as requested. Data collected is used to guide local instruction, meet state standards, and fulfill federal accountability under ESEA/ESSA.