

2025-2026 Murray County Central Testing Calendar

(This schedule is subject to updates)

Date	Test	National/State/District
October 22	PSAT NMSQP Testing Window (Juniors who register)	National
November 19	ASVAB (all Juniors)	National
Jan. 1-31	Capti Dyslexia Screening (4th-12th Grade)	State
February 12	NAEP Testing (4th Grade)	National
March 10	ACT Paper + Writing (Juniors who register)	National
January 26 - March 20	ACCESS Testing Window	State
January 26	Elementary ACCESS Listening	State
January 27	Elementary ACCESS Reading	State
January 28-29	Elementary ACCESS Speaking	State
January 30	Elementary ACCESS Writing	State
February 2-3	Elementary ACCESS Make-up	State
February 4	High School ACCESS Listening	State
February 5	High School ACCESS Reading	State
February 6	High School ACCESS Speaking	State
February 9	High School ACCESS Writing	State
February 10	High School ACCESS Make-up or Kindergarten Testing	State
February 11-12	Kindergarten ACCESS	State
March 2	MCA/MTAS Testing Window Begins: Reading, Math and Science	State
March 18-19	Grade 10 Reading MCA	State
March 23-24	Grade 8 Reading MCA	State

March 25-26	Grade 7 Reading MCA	State
March 30-31	Grade 8 Math MCA	State
April 1-2	Grade 7 Math MCA	State
April 8-9	Grade 11 Math MCA	State
April 13-15	Grades 3, 4, 5 Reading MCA	State
April 16-17	Grade 6 Reading MCA	State
April 21-22	Grades 3, 4, 5 Math MCA	State
April 23-24	Grade 6 Math MCA	State
April 28-29	High School Science MCA	State
April 29-30	Grade 5 Science MCA	State
April 30-May 1	Grade 8 Science MCA	State
May 1	MCA/MTAS Reading and Math Ends	State
May 8	Science Testing Ends	State

Test results for MCA and ACCESS testing will be distributed at fall conferences. Information on state tests can be found at the Minnesota Department of Education website:
<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/fam/tests>

Purposes and Rationales of Statewide Assessments

Test	Purpose	Rationale	Source
MCA and MTAS	To measure achievement on the Minnesota state academic standards	Minnesota Statutes section 120B.30 and ESEA	Statutes 120B.30 and ESEA
ACCESS & Alternate ACCESS	To annually assess English language proficiency of all English learners	ESEA	ESEA
College Entrance Exams (ACT and/or SAT)	To provide Minnesota students information related to career and college readiness	Minnesota Statutes 120B.30	Minnesota Statutes 120B.30

Estimated Times for Testing

Testing Time for Kindergarten ACCESS Test

Minutes
45 Minutes

Testing Times for Grades 1-12 ACCESS Test

Minutes per Test

Listening	65 Minutes
Reading	60 Minutes
Speaking	50 Minutes
Writing	70-90 Minutes

Testing Times for Grades 1-12 Alternate ACCESS Test

Minutes per Test

Listening	30 Minutes
Reading	30 Minutes
Speaking	30 Minutes
Writing	30 Minutes

Estimated Test Administration Times for Online Reading MCA

Grade & Test	Number of Groups	Approximate Number of Items	Typical Range for Scheduling	Estimated Time to Impact Performance
Grades 3-5 Reading MCA	4	50	1.5-2 hours	Up to 2 hours
Grades 6-8 Reading MCA	4	55	1.5-2 hours	Up to 2 hours
Grade 10 Reading MCA	4	60	1.5-2 hours	Up to 2 hours

Estimated Test Administration Times for Online Math MCA

Grade & Test	Number of Groups	Approximate Number of Items	Typical Range for Scheduling	Estimated Time to Impact Performance
Grades 3-8 Mathematics MCA	4	50	1.5-2 hours	Up to 2.5 hours
Grade 11 Mathematics MCA	5	55	1.5 hours	Up to 2 hours

Estimated Test Administration Times for Online Science MCA

Grade & Test	Number of Groups	Approximate Number of Items	Typical Range for Scheduling	Estimated Time to Impact Performance
Grade 5 Science MCA	2	60	1.5-2 hours	Not yet available
Grade 8 Science MCA	2	60	1.5-2 hours	Not yet available
High School Science MCA	2	70	1.5-2 hours	Not yet available

Estimated Test Administration Times for MTAS/Alt MCA

Subject and Test	Estimated Time
Reading MTAS	60-90 Minutes
Mathematics MTAS	40-60 Minutes
Science Alt MCA	60-90 Minutes