

Columbia Heights Public Schools District Testing 2023-2024*

Requiring Body	Test	Purpose	Subject	Grades	Estimated Assessment Time	Testing Window	Disseminating Results
State Required Assessment	MCA-III	To measure student achievement on the Minnesota Academic Standards	Math	3-8 & 11	Grades 3-8: 2.5 – 3.5 hours	March 4 – May 3, 2024	Results distributed to families by fall conferences 2024.
			Reading	3-8 & 10	Grade 10: 2-3 hours		
			Science	5, 8 & High School	Grades 5 & 8: 1.75 hours	March 4 – May 10, 2024	
					High School: 2 hours		
	MTAS Minnesota Test of Academic Skills is an alternate assessment for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act ESEA	Math	3-8 & 11	Administration times will vary by individual student. The state does not provide estimated test administration times for the MTAS assessment.	March 4 – May 3, 2024	Results distributed to families by fall conferences 2024.
			Reading	3-8 & 10			
			Science	5, 8 & High School			
State Required Assessment	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0® and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs 2.0®	To measure progress towards meeting the WIDA English Language Development Standards and to meet the requirements ESEA	Reading, Writing, Listening & Speaking	Kindergarten	45 minutes	Jan 29 – March 22, 2024	Results distributed to families by fall conferences 2024.
			Reading	1-12	Up to 35 minutes		
			Writing		Up to 65 minutes		
			Listening		Up to 40 minutes		
			Speaking		Up to 30 minutes		

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State Required Assessment	Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT®)	To provide Minnesota students information related to college and career readiness. <u>Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30</u>	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing & Math	11	About 4 hours	National district testing day window: March 4 – April 26, 2024	Results communicated to families from SAT 6-8 weeks after testing.
State Required Assessment	Civics Test	To demonstrate knowledge of United States History and Government <i>Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.02, subdivision 3</i>	Civics	10	45 minutes	Completed in spring 2024	Results accessible in a student's StudentVUE account
National Assessment	Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®)	National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Exam	Reading, Writing, Language and Math	Qualifying 11	About 4 hours	National Testing Date: October 11, 2023	Results accessible in student's College Board account in December 2023
District Required Assessment	Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test® (NNAT®) & Cognitive Abilities Test™ (CogAT®)	Research-based assessment used as part of the identification process for gifted and talented services.	Verbal, Non-verbal, and Quantitative reasoning	2	About 45 minutes	NNAT: November 1 – 31, 2023 CogAT: January 1 – 26, 2024	Results communicated to families 4-6 weeks after testing.

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District Required Assessment	FastBridge Assessment Suite	Adaptive assessments used for measuring proficiency and growth	Literacy and Math	K-10: Literacy K-9: Math	About 25-35 minutes each	Fall: Aug 30 – Oct 3 Winter: Jan 3 - 31 Spring: May 6 - 31	Results shared with families during conferences
District Required Assessment	Teaching Strategies Gold (TSGold®)	To monitor students' progress towards Kindergarten readiness	Cognitive, Language, Social-Emotional, Literacy and Math	Pre K	Collection of evidence embedded in instructional time	Fall: Sept - Nov Winter: Dec - Feb Spring: March - June	Results shared with families during conferences

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