

Columbia Heights Public Schools District Testing 2021-2022*



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 <i>Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act ESEA</i>	Math	3-8 & 11	Grades 3-8: 2.5 – 3.5 hours	March 7 – May 6, 2022	Results distributed to families by fall conferences 2022.
			Reading	3-8 & 10	Grade 10: 2-3 hours		
			Science	5, 8 & High School	Grades 5 & 8: 1.75 hours High School: 2 hours	March 7 – May 13, 2022	
	MTAS Minnesota Test of Academic Skills is an alternate assessment for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities		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 7 – May 6, 2022	
			Reading	3-8 & 10			
			Science	5, 8 & High School			
State Required Assessment	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0® <i>and</i> 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 31 – March 25, 2022	Results distributed to families by fall conferences 2022.
			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. Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing & Math	11	Roughly 4 hours	National district testing day: April 13, 2022	Results communicated to families from SAT 6-8 weeks after testing.
				12 <i>Due to restrictions during 2021 testing</i>		National district testing day for spring 2021 makeup: October 13, 2021	
District Required Assessment	PSAT® 8/9 & PSAT® 10	To help students measure their current academic development. It also allows for SAT score projections for when students take the SAT test.	Reading, Writing, Language & Math	PSAT 8/9: Grade 8 & 9 PSAT 10: Grade 10	Roughly 3 hours each	PSAT 8: November 17, 2021 PSAT 9: April 13, 2022 PSAT 10: April 13, 2022	Results communicated to families 6-8 weeks after testing.
State Sponsored	Minnesota Student Survey (MSS)	The survey is an anonymous, statewide survey conducted to gain insights into the world of students and their experiences	The survey asks students about their activities, opinions, behaviors and experiences	5, 5-9 & 11	45 minutes	January 31 – June 1, 2022	Results are reported by State, County, and District
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 2022	Results accessible in a student's StudentVUE account

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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 & 5	Roughly 1 hour for each	Winter 2021-22	Results communicated to families 4-6 weeks after testing.
				3 <i>Due to restrictions during 2021 testing</i>			
District Required Assessment	FastBridge Assessment Suite	Adaptive assessments used for measuring proficiency and growth	Literacy and Math	K-8	Roughly 25-35 minutes each	Fall: Sept 2 - 30 Winter: Jan 10 – Feb 4 Spring: May 2 - 27	Results shared with families during conferences
District Required Assessment	Teaching Strategies Gold (TS Gold)	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
National Assessment	Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®)	National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Exam	Reading, Writing, Language and Math	Qualifying 11	Roughly 4 hours	National Testing Date: October 13, 2021	Results accessible in student's College Board account on December 7, 2021
National Assessment	National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	Administered to a sample of students. Required for federal accountability	Reading and Math	8	90-100 minutes	February 16, 2022	Results are reported to the State only

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