

2016-2017 DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS:

Test Name & Test Dates	Grades Tested	Objectives and Use
Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners (ACCESS) Test Dates: Jan. 30–March 24, 2017	K-12 English Learners	ACCESS for ELLs is given annually to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English.
AIMSweb Test Dates: Sept. 12-23, 2016 Jan. 6-20, 2017 My 8-31, 2016	K-1	This assessment is given three times a year to measure students' reading and math skills. Through Response to Intervention (RtI), teachers use AIMSweb to determine which students need additional interventions and how successful these interventions are.
Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Northwest Evaluation Association Test Dates: Sept. 26-Oct. 19, 2016 Jan. 9-27, 2017 May 8-31, 2017	2-9	This computerized test is given in fall and spring to measure students' growth in meeting the state standards. Some schools test some students in the winter to measure progress.
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) Reading: Grades 3-8, 10 Math: Grades 3-8, 11 Test Dates: March 6-May 5, 2017 Science: Grades 5, 8 & HS Test Dates: March 6-May 12, 2017	3-8, 10 & 11	These are assessments required by the state of MN to measure student growth, closing achievement gaps, and school and district progress at meeting state standards.
Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS) Reading: Grades 3-8, 10 Math: Grades 3-8, 11 Science: Grades 5, 8 & HS Test Dates: March 6-May 5, 2017	IEP Students 3-8, 10 & 11	These are alternative state assessments available for students with disabilities whose Individual Education Plan (IEP) states they need an alternative assessment.
Optional Local Purpose Assessment (OLPA) Reading: Grades 3-8, 10 Math: Grades 3-8, 11 Test Dates: Oct. 17-Feb. 10, 2016-2017	3-8, 10 & 11	These are state assessments that are not required. Schools may use them to help students prepare for the online MCAs.
College & Career Ready Assessments: ACT Plus Writing: Grade 11 & 12 Test Dates: April 19, 2017 May 3, 2017 (make-up)	11 & 12	Districts provide this free to students who have not had this opportunity to measure how well they are prepared for college and career opportunities after high school.