



MCA & MTAS Testing 2022-23

Each spring, the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) or the Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS) are provided to students in mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11), reading (grades 3-8 and 10), and science (grades 5, 8 and in high school upon completing biology). Most students take the MCA; however, some students who receive special education services and meet eligibility requirements take the MTAS. Both tests provide information about student learning of grade level content in reading, mathematics, and science. The MCA and MTAS are used to meet federal and state legislative requirements. The tests are administered every year to measure student learning relative to the Minnesota Academic Standards that specify what students in a particular grade should know and be able to do.

Students will be take the MCA or MTAS between March 6-May 5, 2023. If you would prefer that your student not participate in statewide standardized testing, please inform your student's principal of that choice by providing a written note or a completed MDE Parent/Guardian Participation Guide and Refusal form.

For more information on the MCA, MTAS and the MDE Parent/Guardian Participation Guide and Refusal form, please go to:

- SPPS Family Testing Information website: spps.org/Page/33916
- MDE's Family Testing Information website: education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/tests/

Please reach out to your student's school if you have any questions.