

## Southern Plains Education Cooperative's Testing Schedule

- i-Ready Diagnostic in Math and Reading (Elementary Bridges)
  - District progress monitoring used for teachers to inform instruction and student growth
    - September 13-15, 2022 with make-ups the week of September 20-September 22, 2021
    - December 13-15, 2022 with make-ups the week of December 20-21, 2022
    - March 14-16, 2023 with make-ups the week of March 21-23, 2023
  - As new students arrive that have not taken a diagnostic test at their previous school, the i-Ready diagnostic will be administered to these students
  - Each subject test can take from .75-1.5 hours to complete
  
- Fastbridge Diagnostic in Math and Reading (MS, HS Bridges; ALC)
  - District progress monitoring used for teachers to inform instruction and student growth
    - September 13-15, 2022 with make-ups the week of September 20-September 22, 2021
    - December 13-15, 2022 with make-ups the week of December 20-21, 2022
    - March 14-16, 2023 with make-ups the week of March 21-23, 2023
  - As new students arrive that have not taken a diagnostic test at their previous school, the diagnostic will be administered to these students if current results are not provided by their previous school
  - Each subject test can take from .25-.75 hours to complete
  
- ACT+writing (offered to all 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade who did not take it as an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student as required by current MN law)
  - College entrance exam accepted by colleges in all 50 states
  - To provide Minnesota graduates information related to career and college readiness
  - Is approximately 4.5 hours
  - March 7, 2023
    - Make-up: March 28, 2023
  
- MCA-Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA)/Minnesota Test of Alternative Skills (MTAS)
  - Administered annually according to Minnesota Department of Education requirements
  - Reading is tested in 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 10th grades
  - Math is tested in 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 11th grades
  - Science is tested in 5th, 8th, and once in high school with the successful completion of 1 credit of Life Science
  - To measure achievement on the Minnesota Academic Standards and measure academic progress of students over time

- MCA
    - Bridges
      - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Reading: April 18, 2023
      - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Reading: April 19, 2023
      - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Reading: April 20, 2023
      - 10<sup>th</sup> Reading: April 19, 2023
      - 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Math: April 25, 2023
      - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Math: April 26, 2023
      - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Math: April 27, 2023
      - 11<sup>th</sup> Math: April 26, 2023
      - 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & HS Science: May 3, 2023
    - ALC
      - 10<sup>th</sup> grade Reading: April 19, 2023
      - 11<sup>th</sup> grade Math: April 26, 2023
      - HS Science: May 3, 2023
  - MTAS-Minnesota Test of Alternative Skills
    - PALS/Bridges
      - To measure achievement on the Minnesota Academic Standards and measure academic progress of students over time
      - Reading, Math, and Science will be administered between March 20, 2023- April 27, 2023
  - Estimated times provided by the Minnesota Department of Education:
    - Reading grades 3-8, 10: 1-2.5 hours
    - Math grades 3-8: 1-2.5 hours
    - Math grade 11: 1-2 hours
    - Science grades 5, 8, & HS: .5-1.5 hours
  - Results of MCA/MTAS testing will be distributed by fall conferences of the 2020-2021 school year. Results will either be delivered in-person at conferences or mailed if a conference cannot be attended.
    - To see district and school results, please go to [mde.org](http://mde.org) and search for Minnesota Report Card and then select Southern Plains Education Cooperative, and then select the school of interest
- ACCESS
    - Required test for students identified as English Language Learners (ELL). These students are required to take this test every school year unless they have achieved a passing score in a previous school year.
      - Grades 1-12:
        - Listening and Reading domains must be administered first (in any order)
        - Speaking and Writing is next based on performance from Listening and Reading domains
    - Estimated times provided by the Minnesota Department of Education:
      - Listening: 65 minutes

- Reading: 60 minutes
- Speaking: 50 minutes
- Writing: 70-90 minutes