

Southern Plains Education Cooperative Testing Schedule

All efforts will be made to follow this testing schedule. However, there are times when the testing schedule must be modified due to scheduling conflicts. If your student will be impacted by a test that needs to be rescheduled, you will be given notice.

FastBridge Diagnostic in Math and Reading (Bridges & ALC): District progress monitoring used for teachers to inform instruction and student growth.

- September 12-15, 2023
 - Make-ups the week of September 18-22, 2023
- December 5-8, 2023
 - Make-ups the week of December 11-15, 2023
- May 6-10, 2024
 - Make-ups the week of May 13-17, 2024
- Each subject test will take from 15 to 45 minutes to complete
- The diagnostic tests will be administered to new students as they enroll if test results are not available from the student's previous school.

ACT+ Writing: College entrance exam accepted by colleges in all 50 states offered once to all 11th or 12th grade students as required by Minnesota law. The purpose of the test is to provide Minnesota graduates with information related to career and college readiness.

- March 12, 2024
 - Make-up March 26, 2024
- Test will take approximately 4.5 hours

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA)/Minnesota Test of Alternative Skills (MTAS): Measure achievement over time of students on the academic standards set forth by the state of Minnesota. Administered annually according to the Minnesota Department of Education requirements.

- Reading is tested in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10
 - Test will take 1 to 2.5 hours
- Math is tested in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11
 - Test will take 1 to 2.5 hours
- Science is tested in grades 5, 8, and once in high school after the completion of 1 year of Life Science
 - Test will take 30 minutes to 1.5 hours

ALC

- 10th Grade Reading: April 17, 2024
- 11th Grade Math: April 24, 2024
- Science: May 1, 2024
- Make-up dates will be determined at a later date

Bridges

- 3rd & 4th Reading: April 16, 2024
- 5th & 6th Reading: April 17, 2024
- 7th & 8th Reading: April 18, 2024

- 10th Reading: April 17, 2024
- 3rd & 4th Math: April 23, 2024
- 5th & 6th Math: April 24, 2024
- 7th & 8th Math: April 25, 2024
- 11th Math: April 24, 2024
- 5th, 8th, & HS Science: May 1, 2024

PALS/Bridges MTAS: Measure achievement over time of students on the academic standards set forth by the state of Minnesota. Administered annually according to the Minnesota Department of Education requirements.

- Reading, Math, & Science administered between April 3, 2024-April 26, 2024

Results of the MCA/MTAS testing will be distributed to students and parents by Fall Conferences of the 2023-2024 school year. Results will be delivered in person during conferences or mailed if a conference is not attended.

To see district and school results, please go to:

- mde.org
- Minnesota Report Card
- Southern Plains Education Cooperative
- Select the school of interest (ALC, Bridges, PALS)

ACCESS: Required annually for students identified as an English Language Learner (ELL) unless they have achieved a passing score in a previous school year.

- Grades 1-12
 - Listening & Reading domains must be administered first; in any order
 - Speaking & Writing are next based on the performance from Listening & Reading domains
- Estimated times
 - Listening: 65 minutes
 - Reading: 60 minutes
 - Speaking: 50 minutes
 - Writing: 70-90 minutes