

Dear Chippewa Families,

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) instructs school districts to annually administer statewide assessments known as the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA). The MCAs are part of both the state and federal accountability requirements and are designed to provide the state, districts, and schools with a snapshot of student progress towards meeting the Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards.

Federal and state legislation requires all public school students in Minnesota to participate in MCA reading in grades 3-8 and 10 and in MCA mathematics in grades 3-8 and 11. Also, students in grades 5 and 8 and high school students enrolled in a life science course take the science MCA.

MDE has instructed the District to administer the MCAs to all students in the District between April 5 and May 21.

Test information for in-person learning students

Testing for in-person students will look similar to how it has looked in previous years. Testing will take place either in one full day or across multiple days. You do not need to take any action, as testing will occur during the school day.

TEST	Dates	Class Periods
6th MCA Reading	4/27	4-7
7th MCA Reading	4/27	2-5
8th MCA Reading	4/27	1-4
6th MCA Math	5/4	4-7
7th MCA Math	5/4	2-5
8th MCA Math	5/4	1-4
8th MCA Science	5/11	1-3

Test Information for distance learning students on the next page.

Test information for distance learning students

MCA testing cannot be done remotely. **To take this test, distance learning students will need to attend school and take the test in person.** We will administer as many of the 3

assessments that your students can comfortably take in one day, and hope that you will be open to having your student come in a 2nd day in the case that they don't finish. But we will work with you on that as well, understanding that is okay by us if they don't take all assessments. Transportation and meals will be provided, if necessary.

TEST	Dates	Class Periods
<p>Distance Learning 6th and 7th graders Math/Reading</p> <p>Distance Learning 8th graders Math/Reading/Science</p>	<p>Friday, 4/30/21</p>	<p>7:45 am-2:15 pm. All Day-Lunch Provided</p> <p>Transportation will be provided for students IF they had previously registered for a bus.</p> <p>If parents choose to transport students they may pick up their student when testing is done.</p>
<p>Distance Learning 8th graders Science</p> <p>(For those who didn't finish on 4/30 and would like to complete the SCIENCE MCA.)</p> <p>Mrs. Berthiaume will contact any families who will need to make a choice about completing the SCIENCE MCA on 4/30 by 3 pm.</p>	<p>Friday, 5/7/21</p>	<p>7:45-11:00 am</p> <p>Transportation will be provided for students IF They had previously registered for a bus.</p> <p>If students use district busing they will be at Chippewa until 2:15 pm. Lunch and activities will be provided.</p> <p>If parents choose to transport students they may pick up their student when testing is done.</p>

Options available for distance learning students:

1. If you do not feel safe sending your student to school to take the MCA test due to circumstances around the COVID-19 pandemic, we understand and honor your decision. Please complete the survey below to let us know.



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2. If you would like your student to take the MCA test, please complete the survey below to let us know. These [health and safety measures](#) will be in place to ensure students and staff stay safe during testing.

[Distance Learners MCA Survey](#)

We fully support the choice of parents and guardians to consider their family's health needs when deciding whether or not to allow their student to come into the school building for testing. We know that this pandemic has affected families across our school district. If you have any questions, please contact your student's principal, dean, or teacher directly. Resources for families about statewide testing can be found [here](#).