

Dear Families,

As we approach the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA), we want to ensure that your child is well-prepared for these important tests. The MCA tests measure student achievement in reading, mathematics, and science (for applicable grades) and help us understand student progress toward meeting state standards.

Let's work together and make your child's experience a positive and successful one! We've been preparing for the test all year.

Testing Dates:

Reading- April 8-10 grades 3-6 April 16-17 grades 7-8, and 10 Math- April 23-25 grades 3-8 and 11 Science- April 29-30 grades 5, 8, and 10

Here are some suggestions you can do to help your child be prepared everyday.

- 1. **Eat a Healthy Breakfast** A nutritious breakfast helps boost concentration and energy levels. Our testing students got to choose some of their <u>favorite breakfasts</u> for their testing dates on the school menu in April!
- 2. **Ensure a Good Night's Sleep** Encourage your child to get at least 8-10 hours of sleep the night before testing.
- 3. **Encourage Daily Reading and Practice** Regular reading at home and reviewing math concepts can reinforce learning.
- 4. **Practice with Online Tools** The Minnesota Department of Education provides practice tests and resources. These can be accessed at: https://srt.testnav.com/mn/mn-srt.html
- 5. **Reduce Stress** Encourage your child to do their best without putting too much pressure on them. A positive attitude can go a long way!
- 6. Arrive on Time Being punctual ensures a calm and smooth start to the test.

Here is another way we can work together:

Take a moment to write an encouraging note to your child. Send it to school in a sealed envelope before April 7. Have your child give the envelope to their classroom teacher. Teachers will hand it to your child the first morning of testing.

We appreciate your partnership in supporting your child's success. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sheila Ryker (DAC) at 507-752-7361.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

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