

Lester Prairie Public Schools Testing Calendar 2024-2025

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Assessment	Subject	Grade	Purpose	Estimated Time	Testing Window
STAR Test	Reading Math	K-8	Star Tests are computer adaptive tests and are used to screen students for their reading and Math achievement levels, but they can also be used to monitor your child's growth throughout the year to estimate their understanding of state standards. Used as a universal screener.	30 minutes	September 9-20 January 6-17 May 1-14
Fastbridge	Reading	K-3	The FastBridge combines Computer-Adaptive Tests (CAT) and Curriculum-Based Measures (CBM) to screen students, identify skill gaps, and offer proven recommendations for reading instruction and diagnostic reading interventions.	30 minutes	September 3-30 January 6-27 April 22-May14
PSAT - Optional Test	Reading Language Arts Math	11	Optional National College Admission Test	2.75 hours	October 16 Online Test Window October 1-31
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test (ASVAB)	10 Subject test areas	11	The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually to more than one million military applicants, high school, and post-secondary students.	3 hours	October 30
ACCESS for ELLs	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	K-12	The To measure Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives for all English LanLanguage Learners in Grades K-12 that is based on the Minnesota Standards for English Language Development and required by	Listening-40 Min Reading-35 Min Speaking-30 Min Writing-Tier A 50 Min Writing-Tier B 65 Min	January 27-March 21

			Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)		
Minnesota Student Survey	Minnesota Student Survey for Grades 5, 8, 9, 11	Optional State Survey	Optional State Survey https://education.mn.gov/mde/dse/health/ms/s/	35-50 Minutes	Week of January 27-31
District ACT Test	English Math Reading Science Writing	11-12	The ACT test is a curriculum and standards based educational and career planning tool that assesses students' academic readiness for college. The ACT is a national test used by colleges and universities for admissions and scholarship. This test is optional.	English-45 min Math-60 min Reading-35 min Science-35 min Writing-40 min	April 8
MCA	Reading Online	3-8 & 10	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments are the state tests that help districts measure student progress towards Minnesota's academic standards and meet the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The reading and mathematics tests are used to determine whether schools are districts have made adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward all students being proficient. Science Tests are required by ESEA but are not included in AYP calculations.	Grade 3-8-2.5-3.5 hrs Grade 10-2-3 hrs	Grades 3-6 April 9 & 10 Grade 7-8 & 10 April 16
MCA	Math Online	3-8 & 11		Grade 3-6-1.5-2 hrs Grade 7-8-2-3 hrs Grade 11-1.5-2.5 hrs	Grades 3-6 April 23 & 24 Grade 7-8 & 11 April 23
MCA	Science Online	5, 8, & 10		Grade 5, 8-1.5-2 hrs Grade 10-2-2.5 hrs	Grades 5, 8, 10 April 30
End of the Year Staff Surveys			Local TDE plan	5-8 minutes	Local

*Exact grade level dates and times are subject to change. A more detailed MCA testing schedule will be posted a month before district testing begins.

Test Rationale Description:

¹The STAR is an assessment to measure and monitor student growth in reading and math.

²The PSAT/ACT are national tests used by colleges and universities for admission and scholarships. These tests are optional.

³The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually to more than one million military applicants, high school, and post-secondary students.

⁴The ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs are the assessments administered to English learners in order to measure progress toward meeting Minnesota's standards for English language development.

⁵The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) and alternate assessment Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS) are the state tests that help districts measure student progress toward Minnesota's academic standards and also meet federal and state legislative requirements.

⁶The Fastbridge assessment is used to measure and monitor student growth in reading