

Aspen Academy District Testing Calendar 2026-2027

ASSESSMENT	REQUIREMENT	STARTING	ENDING	ASSESSMENT	REQUIREMENT	STARTING	ENDING	ASSESSMENT	REQUIREMENT	GRADE	DATE/Window
WIDA-ACCESS Placement Test (K) & WIDA-Screener (new students in grades 1-8)	Required by MN Law	8/24/2026	10/2/2026	SAEBRS (4-8th grades) Fall	Local Assessment	9/1/2026	10/9/2026	ACCESS - Kindergarten	Required by MN Law	Kindergarten	2/1/27-3/26/2027
FASTBRIDGE (K-8) - Fall aMath/earlyMath, aReading/earlyReading, CBM Math, CBM Reading	Local Assessment	8/24/2026	9/25/2026	SAEBRS (4-8th) Winter	Local Assessment	1/5/2027	1/29/2027	ACCESS Listening	Required by MN Law	1st 2nd-3rd 4th-5th 6th-8th	2/1/27-3/26/2027
FASTBRIDGE (K-8) - Winter aMath/earlyMath, aReading/earlyReading, CBM Math, CBM Reading	Local Assessment	1/5/2027	1/29/2027	SAEBRS (4-8th) Spring	Local Assessment	4/26/2027	5/21/2027	ACCESS Reading	Required by MN Law	1st 2nd-3rd 4th-5th 6th-8th	2/1/27-3/26/2027
FASTBRIDGE (K-8) - Spring aMath/earlyMath, aReading/earlyReading, CBM Math, CBM Reading	Local Assessment	4/26/2027	5/21/2027	MCA MATH/READING GRADES 3-5 & MTAS	Required by MN Law	3/8/2027	5/7/2027	ACCESS Speaking	Required by MN Law	1st 2nd-3rd 4th-5th 6th-8th	2/1/27-3/26/2027
ACCESS & Alternate ACCESS for ELLs GRADES K-8	Required by MN Law	2/1/2027	3/26/2027	MCA MATH/READING GRADES 6-8 & MTAS	Required by MN Law	3/8/2027	5/7/2027	ACCESS Writing	Required by MN Law	1st 2nd-3rd 4th-5th 6th-8th	2/1/27-3/26/2027
Beginning of the Year Curriculum Assessments (K-5 Grades)	Local Assessment	8/24/2026	9/25/2026	MCA/MTAS SCIENCE GRADES 5 & 8	Required by MN Law	3/8/2027	5/7/2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal, State and Local assessment are untimed, however there are recommended testing times. Local assessments of Fastbridge typically run 30 minutes per reading and per math test. State assessments are suggested time, per DAC manual, includes 1.25-2.5 hours, however, it is untimed. Results used from these assessments are used to measure our accountability to the state, determine areas of strengths within our current curriculum and instruction, as well as areas of deficit that requires our attention to determine next steps to increase areas of deficit to correct and strengthen. * Results are shared with caregivers via print-out reports from FastBridge, which are part of conferences and end of year reports. 			
SIPPS (Grades 1, 2 & 3 as needed)	Local Assessment	8/24/2026	9/25/2026	MCA Makeup days (Math, Reading & Science)	Required by MN Law	4/26/27	5/7/27				

ASSESSMENT	PURPOSE	FORMAT	SOURCE OF THE REQUIREMENT	RATIONALE
MCA & MTAS	To measure learning of the Minnesota Academic Standards	+ Online + Paper (per IEP/504 accommodation)	Minnesota Statutes 120B.30 ESSA	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESSA
ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS	To measure progress towards meeting the WIDA English Language Development Standards	+ Online + Paper (per IEP/504 accommodation)	ESSA	ESSA
FASTBridge (Math, Reading, SAEBRS)	Universal screeners for students in K-8 to assess broad Math and Reading skills at grade level. The earlyReading and earlyMath are given to K-1 students, and aReading and aMath are given to students in grades 2-8. SAEBRS is a brief, norm-referenced tool for screening all students to identify those who are at risk for social-emotional behavior (SEB) problems	+ earlyMath and early Reading - paper, one-to-one administration + aReading and aMath - online + SAEBRS - one-to-one online	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.11.2	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.11.2
WIDA-ACCESS Placement Test (WAPT) & WIDA- Screener	Universal screeners for new students to the district K-8, who may qualify for EL services based on enrollment language questionnaire, to determine if they qualify for EL services. The WIDA-ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT) is for students in Kindergarten and first semester 1st grade. The WIDA Screener is for students in the second semester of 1st grade to 8th grade	+ WIDA-ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT) - paper, one-to-one administration + WIDA Screener - online, paper if student does not have experience with computers	ESSA	ESSA
Beginning of the Year Curriculum Assessments (K-5 Grades)	Curricula assessments for reading small group placement in grades K-5	One-to-one administration on paper	ESSA	ESSA
SIPPS (Grades 1, 2 & 3 as needed)	Tier II intervention curriculum which includes placement tests	One-to-one administration on paper	ESSA	ESSA