

# Rothsay School District Assessments

**2018-19**

## **Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs): State exam**

The 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 meet federal and state legislative requirements. Students take one test in each subject. Most students take the MCA, but students who receive special education services and meet eligibility requirements may take the alternate assessment MTAS instead.

Minnesota's statewide tests are objective, standardized measures of student achievement on academic or proficiency standards. Students, families, teachers and administrators use statewide test results as part of a comprehensive system for evaluating learning.

The list below shows tests by subject along with the grades they are given in parentheses behind each subject.

**Reading:** MCA or MTAS (grades 3-8, 10)

**Mathematics:** MCA or MTAS (grades 3-8, 11)

**Science:** MCA or MTAS (grades 5, 8, and high school)

Tests are given each spring, March-May (Computer delivered).

Questions are primarily multiple choice with expectations for students to apply knowledge and demonstrate higher-level thinking.

Students taking online / computerized tests are presented with information visually on a computer monitor and via audio headphones; they respond using a keyboard and a mouse.

More information about MCAs can be in the Minnesota Department of Education website:

<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/test/>

## **2018-19 MCA TESTING DATES (Specific schedules coming at later date)**

April 15-April 24 – Grades 3-8; 10 MCA READING (3.5-5 hours –Computerized)

April 15-May 2 –Grades 3-8, 10, 11 MCA MATH (1.5-3.5 hours – Computerized)

May 2-May 9 –Grades 5, 8 MCA SCIENCE (1-2 hours –Computerized)

March 5-April –Qualified students receiving special education services Grades 3-11 MTAS (1 hr. per test Paper/pencil)

**ASVAB** November 29, 2018 --11<sup>th</sup> grade

## **ACT Aspire**

April –Grade 8

## **PreACT**

April –Grade 10 (Computerized; on-line)

## **ACT**

Jan/Feb – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade ACT Prep and Practice (John Baylor Prep)

April – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade ACT (Computerized; on-line)