

Assessment Program Testing is one way that student achievement is measured in the Hayfield Community Schools. The Hayfield Community Schools administers three categories of assessments during the school year: state assessments, district benchmark assessments, and classroom assessments. State assessments take place once a year, district benchmark assessments take place up to three times a year, and classroom assessments are continuous and ongoing. All three types of assessments provide educators with the necessary information needed to measure student learning.

State Assessments

The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) and the Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS) are the state tests that measure student progress toward mastery of Minnesota's academic standards as required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Most students take the MCA; however, students who receive special education services and meet specific requirements may take the MTAS instead.

District Assessments

In addition to the required state assessments, students in grades K-5 take district benchmark assessments up to three times a year. Benchmark assessments measure student progress on academic standards, determine programmatic needs, and identify students who may need extra support or enrichment. This is done using FAST Bridge.

Classroom Assessments

Individual teachers administer many types of assessments throughout the school year and may include quizzes, mid-terms, chapter tests, and final exams, among others. The results are used to determine mastery of skills and help inform instruction.

2021-2022 Hayfield Community Schools Assessment Calendar

Date	Assessment	Grade	Purpose	Required By	Duration Per Student
Sept 7 – Sept 28 Jan 4 – Jan 18 May 2 – May 17	FAST Bridge Reading and Math	K-8	Universal Screening	District	40-90 minutes
Sept 7 – Sept 24 Jan 18 – Feb 2 May 2 – May 20	Benchmark Assessment Test	K-5	Reading and Comprehension	District	15-45 minutes
Sept. 7 – Oct. 25 May 3 – May 21	Pre-K Literacy and Math Assessments	Pre-K	Progress Monitoring	District	15-30 minutes
Sept. 10 – Oct. 25 Jan. 11 – Mar. 3 May 3 – May 21	Pre K Work Sampling/ Progress Reports	Pre-K	Progress Monitoring	District	15-30 minutes
Oct 13	PSAT	10-11	NMSQT	Optional	3.5 Hours
Nov 10	ASVAB (Optional)	10	Career Information	Optional	3.5 Hours
Oct 1 – May 15	NAEP (If Required)	4,8,11	Federal Accountability	Federal/State	2 hours
Jan 31 – Mar 22	ACCESS 2.0 (English Learners)	K-12	State Accountability	Federal/State	1.5-4 hours
Mar. 7 – May 6	MCA Reading	3-8, 10	State Accountability	Federal/State	2-3.5 hours
Mar. 7 – May 6	MCA Math	3-8, 11	State Accountability	Federal/State	1.5-2.5 hours
Mar. 7 – May 13	MCA Science	5, 8, 10	State Accountability	Federal/State	1.75-2 hours

Mar. 7 – May 6	MTAS Reading (Select SpEd)	3-8, 10	State Accountability	Federal/State	45-90 minutes
Mar. 7 – May 6	MTAS Math (Select SpEd)	3-8, 11	State Accountability	Federal/State	30-60 minutes
Mar. 7 – May 13	MTAS Science (Select SpEd)	3-8, 10	State Accountability	Federal/State	30-60 minutes
Apr. 5	ACT	11 and few 12	College Readiness	District	3.5-4 hours

More information on each assessment may be accessed at: www.fastbridge/assessments
<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/test/mn/>

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