

North Shore Community School #4084 Comprehensive Testing Calendar  
2023-2024

Students at North Shore Community School are required by the state of Minnesota to take the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments. These assessments are commonly known as the MCA, MTAS, or ACCESS exams. In addition to the state required tests, NSCS also administers the NWEA or MAP assessments in the subject areas of reading and math along with Dibels 8th Edition (grades K-3) or the Benchmark Assessment System (grades 4-6) for reading. These assessments are used to show student progress and growth over the course of the year. They also provide data to show growth from one school year to the next.

The MCA, MTAS, and ACCESS results are used for student and school accountability. Parents will receive preliminary student results at the end of the school year that show how students did on the test. For more information regarding these state assessments, please review the information on the Minnesota Department of Education’s website: [www.education.state.mn.us](http://www.education.state.mn.us)

The NWEA test results are used by teachers and administration to make educational decisions to best meet the students at their learning level. Results will be shared with parents at conferences. For more information regarding these local assessments, please review the information on the NWEA website: [www.nwea.org](http://www.nwea.org)

The testing schedule for the year is listed below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Test</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Estimated Test Time</b>
August 29-31	Dibels 8th Ed. BAS	Kindergarten-3rd  4th-6th	20 minutes  30 minutes
September 18- October 6	NWEA Math/ Reading	1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	45 minutes – 1.5 hours depending on grade
January 22-February 9	NWEA Math/ Reading	Kindergarten-6th	45 minutes-1.5 hours depending on grade
March 11-22	Dibels 8th Ed. BAS	Kindergarten-3rd  4th-6th	20 minutes  30 minutes
April 15- April 19 April 15- April 19 April 15- April 19 April 16- April 19	MCA	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading 4 <sup>th</sup> Reading 5 <sup>th</sup> Reading 6 <sup>th</sup> Reading	2 - 3.5 hours

April 22-April 26 April 22-April 26 April 22-April 26 April 23-April 26	MCA	3 <sup>rd</sup> Math 4 <sup>th</sup> Math 5 <sup>th</sup> Math 6 <sup>th</sup> Math	2 - 3.5 hours
April 29th and May 3rd	MCA	5th Grade Science	2 - 3.5 hours
May 20-31	Dibels 8th Ed. BAS	Kindergarten-3rd 4th-6th	20 minutes 30 minutes
May 20-June 3	NWEA Math/ Reading	Kindergarten-6 <sup>th</sup>	45 minutes - 1.5 hours depending on grade