

North Shore Community School #4084 Comprehensive Testing Calendar  
2024-2025

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 student results at the start of the next 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 27-29	Dibels 8th Ed. BAS	Kindergarten-3rd  4th-6th	20 minutes  30 minutes
September 16- October 4	NWEA Math/ Reading	1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	45 minutes – 1.5 hours depending on grade
January 21-February 7	NWEA Math/ Reading	Kindergarten-6th	45 minutes-1.5 hours depending on grade
January 21-February 7	Dibels 8th Ed. BAS	Kindergarten-3rd  4th-6th	20 minutes  30 minutes
April 11- April 17 April 11- April 17 April 11- April 17 April 14- April 17	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 28 April 22-April 28 April 22-April 28 April 23-April 28	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 28th, May 2nd May 5th	MCA	5th Grade Science	2 - 3.5 hours
May 12-30	Dibels 8th Ed. BAS	Kindergarten-3rd  4th-6th	20 minutes  30 minutes
May 12-June 2	NWEA Math/ Reading	Kindergarten-6 <sup>th</sup>	45 minutes - 1.5 hours depending on grade