

Beacon Academy Assessment Overview

Test	Grades	Dates	Requirement/Purpose
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA), MTAS/ALT MCA	Grades 3-8 for Math and Reading and grades 5 & 8 for Science	End of March-early May	<u>State Required:</u> Nationally normed, summative assessments used by the state to determine proficiency in Math, Reading, and Science. MTAS: For students with the most severe cognitive challenges.
FastBridge Math & Reading	K – 8	Fall, Winter and Spring- September, December and May	<u>District Required:</u> Nationally normed, summative assessments used to monitor growth, provide student intervention recommendations, and to provide feedback to teachers for the school, PLC, and individual goals.
WIDA-ACCESS/WIDA ALT ACCESS	EL students in grades K-8	End of Feb/ early March	<u>State Required:</u> Summative assessment used to determine what areas of language acquisition need more support and if a student can move out of EL programming. Alternate: For English learners with the most severe cognitive challenges.
FAST SAEBRS & mySAEBRS	K-8	Fall, Winter and Spring- September, December and May	<u>District Required:</u> To provide measures of student risk for emotional and behavioral problems. SAEBRS is based on teacher ratings of behaviors, mySAEBRS on student self-reports.
Capti ReadBasix	4-8	January	<u>State Required:</u> Screening for reading difficulties, including characteristics of dyslexia, in grades 4-12 is required for any student who has not consistently demonstrated grade-level reading skills.