



# New Prague Area Schools Testing Calendar 2012-2013

## August, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
6	7	8 MCA II GRAD Retakes	9 MCA II GRAD Retakes	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22 New Staff ½ Day	23 New Staff ½ Day	24
27 Staff Day	28 Staff Day	29 Staff Day	30	31

## September, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Labor Day No School K-12	4 First day of School	5	6	7
10 BEGIN NWEA	11 NWEA	12 NWEA	13 NWEA	14 NWEA
17 NWEA	18 NWEA	19 NWEA	20 NWEA	21 NWEA
24 NWEA	25 NWEA	26 NWEA	27 NWEA	28 NWEA

## October, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 BEGIN MCA MT Online OPLA Grade. 3-8  NWEA	2 NWEA	3 MCA II GRAD Retakes  END NWEA	4 MCA II GRAD Retakes	5
8	9	10	11	12
15 Conferences K-8 No School K-5	16 Conferences K-12 No School K-5 6-12 Early Release	17 Comp Day No School K-12	18 Education Minnesota No School K-12	19 Education Minnesota No School K-12
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

## November, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2 ½ Staff Development Day Early Release K-12
5	6	7 GRAD WC-Retest Grades 10-12	8	9
12	13 GRAD WC-Retest Grades 10-12 Make ups	14	15	16
19 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Explore	20 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Explore	21	22 Thanksgiving Break No School K-12	23 Thanksgiving Break No School K-12
26	27	28	29 End of Term Trimester 1	30 ½ Prep – ½ Staff Dev. No School K-12

## December, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 MCA III MT Online MS8 - OPLA	4 MCA III MT Online MS8 - OPLA	5 MCA II GRAD Retakes  MCA III MT Online MS8 - OPLA	6 MCA II GRAD Retakes  MCA III MT Online MS8 - OPLA	7 MCA III MT Online MS7 - OPLA
10 MCA III MT Online MS7 - OPLA	11 MCA III MT Online MS7 - OPLA	12 MCA III MT Online MS7 - OPLA	13 MCA III MT Online MS7 - OPLA	14 MCA III MT Online MS7 - OPLA
17 MCA III MT Online MS6 - OPLA ELEM - 3-5	18 MCA III MT Online MS6 - OPLA ELEM - 3-5	19 MCA III MT Online MS6 - OPLA ELEM - 3-5	20 MCA III MT Online MS6 - OPLA ELEM - 3-5	21 MCA III MT Online MS6 - OPLA ELEM - 3-5
24 Winter Break No School K-12	25 Winter Break No School K-12	26 Winter Break No School K-12	27 Winter Break No School K-12	28 Winter Break No School K-12
31 Winter Break No School K-12				

## January, 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 No School K-12	2 BEGIN NWEA	3 NWEA	4 NWEA
7 NWEA	8 NWEA	9 NWEA	10 NWEA	11 NWEA
14 NWEA	15 NWEA	16 END NWEA	17	18
21 Staff Development No School K-12	22	23	24 6-12 Conferences (School in session)	25 6-12 Conferences No School 6-12
28	29	30	31	

## February, 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4 BEGIN WIDA  MCA III MT Online MS8 - OPLA	5 CogAt Testing Grades 2 & 4  MCA III MT Online MS8 - OPLA	6 MCA II GRAD Retakes  CogAt Testing Grades 2 & 4  MCA III MT Online MS8 - OPLA	7 MCA II GRAD Retakes  CogAt Testing Grades 2 & 4 Make-Up  MCA III MT Online MS8 - OPLA	8 MCA III MT Online MS8 - OPLA
11 MCA III MT Online RS, EV & MS7 OPLA	12 MCA III MT Online RS, EV & MS7 OPLA	13 MCA III MT Online RS, EV & MS7 OPLA	14 MCA III MT Online MS7 - OPLA  MCA III MT Online RS & EV Makeups	15 MCA III MT Online MS7 - OPLA
18 Presidents Day No School K-12	19 Conferences K-5 No School K-5  MCA III MT Online MS6 - OPLA	20 K-5 Conferences  MCA III MT Online MS6 - OPLA	21 MCA III MT Online MS6 - OPLA	22 END MCA MT Online OPLA Grade. 3-8  MCA III MT Online MS6 - OPLA
25	26	27	28	



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## March, 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4	5	6	7 End of Term Trimester 2	8 Staff Development No School K-12
11 BEGIN MCA MT Online Accountability Grade. 3-8	12	13	14	15
18 BEGIN MCA RD Online Grade. 3-8, 10 MCA Modified RD Grade. 5-8, 10 MCA Modified MT Online Grade. 5-8	19	20	21	22 END WIDA
BEGIN MCA II Science				
BEGIN MTAS- RD-MT-SCIENCE March 26 <sup>th</sup> – May 18 <sup>th</sup>				
25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday No School K-12

## April, 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3 MCA II GRAD Retakes	4 MCA II GRAD Retakes	5
8 MCA III MT Online MS – Grade 8	9 MCA III MT Online MS – Grade 8	10 MCA III MT Online MS – Grade 8	11 MCA III MT Online MS – Grade 8	12 MCA III MT Online MS – Grade 8
15 BEGIN MCA Paper Reading & Mathematics Grd. 3-8, 10, 11	16 MCA II RD HS & MS- Seg. 1 & 2 Grade 6-8, 10  MCA II MT & MT MOD HS- Seg. 1 & 2 Grade 11  GRAD WC HS-Grade 9 Grade 12 – Retakes Only	17 MCA II RD HS & MS- Seg. 3 & 4 Grade 6-8, 10  MCA II MT & MT MOD HS- Seg. 3 & 4 Grade 11  MCA II RD ELEM Seg. 1 & 2 Grade 3-5	18 Conferences Early Release 6-12  MCA II RD ELEM Seg. 3 & 4 Grade 3-5  Middle School MCA Make Ups	19 MCA II RD ELEM Seg. Make Ups Grade 3-5
22 BEGIN NWEA	23 GRAD WC Make Up Seniors Only GRAD WC Grade 9 Make Up  NWEA	24 NWEA  High School MCA Make Ups  MCA II Science EV & FR Grade 5	25 NWEA  High School MCA Make Ups  MCA II Science EV, RS & FR Grade 5	26 NWEA  MCA II Science Raven Stream Grade 5  MCA II Science EV & FR Make Ups Grade 5
MCA III MT Online MS – Grade 7	MCA III MT Online MS – Grade 7	MCA III MT Online MS – Grade 7	MCA III MT Online MS – Grade 7	MCA III MT Online MS – Grade 7
29 NWEA  MCA II Science RS Make Ups Grade 5	30 NWEA  High School MCA Make Ups			
MCA III MT Online MS – Grade 6	MCA III MT Online MS – Grade 6 ELEM – Grade 3			

## May, 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 NWEA	2 NWEA	3 END MCA Paper Reading & Mathematics Grades 3-8
		High School MCA Make Ups		NWEA
		MCA III MT Online MS – Grade 6 ELEM – Grade 3	MCA III MT Online MS – Grade 6 ELEM – Grade 4	MCA III MT Online MS – Grade 6 ELEM – Grade 4
6 NWEA	7 NWEA	8 NWEA	9 NWEA	10 Snow Day No School K-12*
MCA III MT Online Elementary Grades 3	MCA III MT Online ELEM – Grade 5	MCA III MT Online ELEM – Grade 5	MCA III MT Online Elementary Make Ups Grades 3-5	END MCA RD Online Grade 3-8, 10
	MS MCA II Science Grade 8	MS MCA II Science Grade 8	MS MCA II Science Make Ups Grade 8	END MCA MT Online Accountability Grade 3-8
				END MCA Modified RD Grade 5-8, 10 MCA Modified MT Online Grade. 5-8
				END MTAS- RD-MT-SCIENCE
13 NWEA	14 NWEA	15 NWEA	16 NWEA	17 END NWEA
HS MCA II Science Grade 10	HS MCA II Science Grade 10	HS MCA II Science Grade 10		END MCA II Science
20	21	22	23	24
27 Memorial Day No School K-12	28	29	30 Last Day of School	31 Graduation

## June, 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5 MCA II GRAD Retakes	6 MCA II GRAD Retakes	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

Districts set GRAD Retest schedules for their district within the MDE defined window. MDE offers GRAD Retest opportunities the first Tuesday through Wednesday of the following week each month. Students are eligible to retest every other month.

## July, 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23 GRAD Written Composition Summer Retest Grades 10-12	24 GRAD Written Composition Summer Retest Grades 10-12 Make Up	25	26
29	30	31		



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### 2012-2013 Testing Schedule

While the Minnesota Department of Education strives to ensure this testing schedule remains unaltered, it is subject to change based on assessment decisions made by the state Legislature or reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

#### OCTOBER 2012

- 1 Optional Local Purpose Assessment (OLPA) Mathematics Grades 3–8 Online Begins

#### NOVEMBER 2012

- 7 GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10–12
- 13 GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10–12 (Make-up)

#### FEBRUARY 2013

- 4 ACCESS for ELLs Begins
- 22 Optional Local Purpose (OLPA) Mathematics Grades 3–8 Online Ends

#### MARCH 2013

- 11 MCA Mathematics Grades 3–8 Online Begins
- 18 MCA Reading Grades 3–8, 10 Online Begins
- MCA-Modified Reading<sup>1</sup> Grades 5–8, 10 and Mathematics Grades 5–8 Online Begins
- MCA Science Begins
- MTAS Reading, Mathematics, and Science Begins
- 22 ACCESS for ELLs Ends

#### APRIL 2013

- 15 MCA Paper Reading and Mathematics Grades 3–8 Begins
- 16 MCA Paper Reading and Mathematics Grades 10 and 11 and MCA-Modified Mathematics Grade 11: Segments 1 and 2<sup>2</sup>  
GRAD Writing Grade 9 and Writing Retest Seniors Only
- 17 MCA Paper Reading and Mathematics Grades 10 and 11 and MCA-Modified Mathematics Grade 11: Segments 3 and 4
- 23 GRAD Writing Grade 9 (Make-up) and Writing Retest Seniors Only (Make-up)

#### MAY 2013

- 3 MCA Paper Reading and Mathematics Grades 3–8 Ends
- 10 MCA Reading Grades 3–8, 10 and Mathematics Grades 3–8 Online Ends
- MCA-Modified Reading Grades 5–8, 10 and Mathematics Grades 5–8 Online Ends
- MTAS Reading, Mathematics, and Science Ends
- 17 MCA Science Ends

#### JULY 2013

- 23 GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10-12
- 24 GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10-12 (Make-up)

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= online test

<sup>1</sup> Pending clarification of ESEA guidelines regarding approval process for Modified assessments.

<sup>2</sup> Make-up dates are April 24–25 and April 30–May 1. See Chapter 8 of the *Procedures Manual for Minnesota Assessments* for details on make-up tests for the high school MCA tests.

April 25, 2012



**Minnesota Department of Education**  
2012-2013 Testing Program Explained

Due to changes in federal guidelines and the more prominent role of growth in accountability calculations, the current plan for the tests offered and the testing schedules are outlined.

**Goal:** *Ensure assessment results and growth calculations are valid, reliable, and fair.*

## Mathematics

- **Grades 3-8 MCA**
  - Optional online test available for non-accountability, local purposes
    - Testing window October 1 - February 22
    - Immediate results
    - Up to two optional testing opportunities per student
    - Uses Minnesota specific items and same adaptive algorithm as MCA accountability test
    - The optional online test window provides a risk-free environment for students to familiarize themselves with the adaptive testing engine and provides teachers with information to target instruction before the next opportunity.
  - Online adaptive testing window for accountability purposes
    - Testing window March 11 - May 10
    - Immediate results
    - One test per student
    - Score used for accountability and growth calculations
    - Flexible administration options continue to be available (pausing, entire window)
  - Online and paper administration selection determined at school level for MCA grades 3-8 for accountability purposes
- **Grade 11 MCA** paper assessment will continue to have GRAD component.
- **MCA, MCA-Modified, and MTAS** grades 3-8 continue to be aligned to 2007 academic standards and grade 11 continues to be aligned to 2003 academic standards

## Reading

- **MCA, MCA-Modified and MTAS** grades 3-8 and 10 aligned to 2010 academic standards
  - First operational assessment
  - One testing opportunity per student
  - Standard Setting in June
- Reading MCA-III in grade 10 will no longer contains GRAD component
- Online and paper administration selection determined at school level for MCA grades 3-8 and 10
- MDE is awaiting clarification of ESEA guidelines specific to the ability to offer the Reading MCA-Modified aligned to 2010 academic standards. Until further clarification Reading MCA-Modified is planned for 2012-2013 administration and included on the testing schedule

## Science

- **MCA and MTAS** continue to be aligned to 2009 academic standards.
- No administration changes anticipated