

BENSON 2020-2021 TESTING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2020

17th: ASVAB Test (grade 11) @ St. Mark's Church

OCTOBER 2020

NOVEMBER 2020

JANUARY 2021

25th: ACCESS for ELLs - Begins (ends March 19th)

26th: PSAT (grades 10 & 11)

MARCH 2021

8th: MCA Mathematics Grades 3-8, 11 Online Begins (ends May 7th)

MCA Reading Grades 3-8, 10 Online Begins (ends May 7th)

MCA Science Begins (ends May 14th)

MTAS Reading, Mathematics, and Science Begins (ends May 7th)

29th: Grades 7-8 & 10 MCA Reading Test

30th: ACT test for Juniors

APRIL 2021

12th: Grades 3-8 and Grade 10 MCA Reading Test

13th: ACT Make-up day for Juniors

14th: Grades 3-8 and Grade 10 MCA Reading Test

15th: Grades 3-6 MCA Reading Test

27th: Grades 3-8 and Grade 11 MCA Math Test

28th: Grades 3-8 and Grade 11 MCA Math Test

29th: Grades 3-8 and Grade 11 MCA Math Test

May 2021

4th: Grades 8, and HS MCA Science

5th: Grades 5, 8, and HS MCA Science

6th: Grades 5, 8, and HS MCA Science (if needed for grade 8 & HS)

7th: Grade 5 MCA Science (if needed)

Grades 8 and 10 MCA Science (ALC & HGR)

ASVAB: (District Test)

What is the ASVAB Test? The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually to more than one million military applicants, high school, and post-secondary students.

Approximate time required for test:

3 hours

<http://official-asvab.com/>

ACCESS for ELL (State Test)

What is the ACCESS test? ACCESS for ELLs is a secure large-scale English language proficiency assessment administered to Kindergarten through 12th grade students who have been identified as English language learners (ELLs). It is given annually.

ACCESS for ELLs is aligned with the WIDA English Language Development Standards and assesses each of the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

<https://www.wida.us/assessment/access20.aspx>

Approximate time required for each test:

Listening: up to 40 minutes

Reading: up to 35 minutes

Speaking: up to 30 minutes

Writing: up to 65 minutes

MCA - Math, Reading, and Science: (State Test)

What are the MCAs? The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) are state tests in mathematics, reading and science that meet the requirements of the federal elementary and secondary education act (ESEA). They are given every year to measure student performance against the Minnesota academic standards that specify what students in a particular grade should know and do. At Benson Schools, students take the MCA math and reading test in grades 3-8, 10(R) and 11(M). The science test is for 5th, 8th and 10th graders. The tests are administered on the computer.

<https://education.state.mn.us/mdeprod/idcplg?IdcService...latestReleased...>

Approximate time required for each test:

Reading: (grades 3-8) 2.5-3.5 hours, (grade 10) 2-3 hours

Math: (grades 3-6) 1.5-2 hours, (grades 7-8) 2-2.5 hours, (grade 11) 1.5-2.5 hours

Science: (grades 5 & 8) 1.75 hours, (grade 10) 2 hours.

MTAS - Math, Reading, and Science (State Test)

The Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS) is an alternate assessment based on alternate achievement standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. It is part of the Minnesota assessment program. The MTAS measures reading, mathematics, and science skills that are linked to the general education curriculum. These skills represent high expectations for students with significant cognitive disabilities, but tasks to measure these skills are considerably less difficult than the items on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA).

<https://education.state.mn.us/mdeprod/idcplg?IdcService...latestReleased...>

Approximate time required for each test:

Reading: 45-90 minutes

Math: 30-60 minutes

Science: 30-60 minutes

ACT with Writing: (State Test)

The ACT is a nationally administered, standardized paper-and-pencil test that helps colleges evaluate candidates. The required portion of the ACT is divided into four multiple choice subject tests: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science Reasoning. Subject test scores range from 1 to 36

The ACT Writing test consists of one essay question for which students are allowed 40 minutes to plan, write, and edit their essays. The essay prompts address contemporary issues.

Approximate time required for test:

Paper version - 3.5 hours