



Clarkfield Area Charter School

* 301 13th St. * Clarkfield, MN 56223 * Phone 320-669-1995 * Fax 320-669-1997

MINNESOTA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENTS - SPRING 2021

TESTING SCHEDULE FOR CACS

The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) are state tests in reading, math and science that are used to meet federal and state legislative requirements. The tests are administered every year to measure student performance relative to the Minnesota Academic Standards that specify what students in a particular grade should know and be able to do. At the charter school reading and math tests are administered in grades 3-6 and grade 5 take the science test. All tests are administered online only. Students do not pass or fail the MCA; instead they receive a score that falls in one of four achievement levels--Does Not Meet the Standards, Partially Meets the Standards, Meets the Standards, and Exceeds the Standards.

DATES	ASSESSMENT	GRADES	SUBJECT	PURPOSE	LENGTH OF TIME	DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS
April 12, 13, 14	MCA Reading	3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th	Reading	State Mandated	2.5 to 3.5 hours	Fall Back To School Night
April 19, 20, 21	MCA Math	3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th	Math	State Mandated	1.5 to 2.5 hours	Fall Back To School Night
April 27, 28	MCA Science	5th	Science	State Mandated	1.5 to 2 hours	Fall Back To School Night



* 301 13th St. * Clarkfield, MN 56223 * Phone 320-669-1995 * Fax 320-669-1997

ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS 2020-2021

CACS gives each student a test called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). These tests are part of the Northwest Evaluation Assessments or NWEA. We give students MAP tests to determine each child's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of Reading and Math for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Staff analyzes data from NWEA to set our school goals, individual as well as school wide.

The teachers use the data from the tests to guide their instruction, determine specific skills and concepts that need to be taught and specific strengths and weaknesses of each student, and the class as a group.

DATES	ASSESSMENT	GRADES	SUBJECT	PURPOSE	LENGTH OF TIME	DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS
Fall Week of Sept. 21st	MAP MAP	K - 6th K - 6th	Reading Math	Measure academic growth	Tests are not timed	Fall Conferences or sent electronically
Winter Week of Jan. 11th	MAP MAP	K - 6th K - 6th	Reading Math	Measure academic growth	Tests are not timed	Spring Conferences or sent electronically
Spring Week of May 10th	MAP MAP	K - 6th K - 6th	Reading Math	Measure academic growth	Tests are not timed	Late Spring/final report card