

# Fertile Beltrami Testing

## **Fall PSAT Test**

The PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) is given to all juniors. The test is recommended for those students who plan to attend a 4-year college. It tests skills in Reading, Writing, and Math. Results of the test are received approximately 6 weeks after testing. The students review the results with the counselor and/or testing administrator when they are received.

## **ASVAB Test**

The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military and civilian life. It is administered annually to all juniors as a career assessment. The results help students learn more about career exploration and planning, in both the civilian and military worlds of work. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is free of charge to participating schools. The students receive results within a few weeks of their testing date.

## **OLPA Tests**

The Optional Local Purpose Assessment (OLPA) is done midyear in math and reading for grades 3-8 and in grade 10 for reading and grade 11 for math. This helps familiarize students with the spring MCAs and also provides teachers with information to target instruction before the MCA tests in the spring.

## **Spring 2018 Assessments**

The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) are state tests in reading, mathematics, 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. We use the MCA to find out how well schools have aligned curriculum to and instructed students in the Minnesota Academic Standards in reading, mathematics, and science. The reading and mathematics assessments are also used in federal school accountability measurements. Schools use the information to improve classroom teaching and learning. Teachers and principals look for areas where students do well so they can reinforce the ways they teach these skills. They also look for areas that need improvement so they can increase instructional time or modify their instruction. All students in public schools are required to participate in the statewide assessment program. Reading and mathematics tests are administered in grades 3–8 and high school (students in

grade 10 take the Reading MCA, and students in grade 11 take the Mathematics MCA). The Science MCA is administered to students in grades 5 and 8 and in the high school grade when students take a life science or biology course

Test Name	Dates	Subject	Rationale	Length	Who
PSAT	Oct. 11 , 2017	ALL	College Prep Test	4 hours	All 11 <sup>th</sup> grade
ASVAB	Sept. 21, 2017	ALL	College Prep Test	4 hours	All 11 <sup>th</sup> grade
OLPA	Oct. 17 - Feb 10	Math Reading	Provide guiding data for MCAs.	2.5 hours	3-8, 10, 11
MCA Gr 3-8, 10	March 6 <sup>th</sup> - May 5th	Reading	Required by State to assess growth and school impact	2.5 hours	3-8, 10
MCA Gr. 3-8, 11	March 6 <sup>th</sup> - May 5th	Math	Required by State to assess growth and school impact	2 hours	3-8, 11
MCA Gr. 5,8,10	March 6 <sup>th</sup> - May 12th	Science	Required by State to assess growth and school impact	1.75 hours	5, 8, 10
ACT	December 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 April 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2018	All	College Prep Test	4 hours 4 hours	Whoever signs up All 11 <sup>th</sup> grade

\*\*\* Dates will be updated as information becomes available. For MCAs individual class testing will be posted

\*\* Optional Local Purpose Assessment will be referred to as OLPA

\*Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment will be referred to as MCAs

\*Teachers will consider the needs of the student and the impact additional data will have on the individualized instruction of the student

\*Teachers will also consider how additional time spent on testing will impact the student