

The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (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 established for each grade.

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.

The MCA tests measure student performance relative to the Minnesota Academic Standards; therefore each student receives 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. St. Croix Prep will administer the MCA tests on the following dates:

April 15 – Reading 5, 6, 7, 8

April 16 – Reading 10; Math 11; Science 9

April 17– Math 5, 6, 7, 8

April 23rd- Science 5 and 8

April 24 – Reading 3, 4

April 25 – Math 3, 4

During the summer, St. Croix Prep will receive an individual student report for each child who takes the MCA and will provide this information to parents and guardians. This report shows your child's overall score in each subject, as well as scores for specific skill areas within each subject. It includes information about achievement level, comparisons to various groups, and comparisons to the student's performance in past years, when applicable.

In accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act, we are informing parents of their right to opt-out of the MCA assessment. For those families wishing to opt-out of the assessment, please find the form on the St. Croix Preparatory Academy website. The form should be completed and returned to the division principal. Those families choosing to opt-out will not receive the achievement level data, score comparison information, and individual growth data provided through the assessment. Scores for students opting out of assessments will be recorded as Does Not Meet the Standard on their permanent testing record.