

2026-2027 Testing Calendar and Information

October 7-8, 2026

NWEA Map Test All Grade Levels (9-12): We test students in Reading and Math to determine their annual progress

March 3,4,5 2027

WIDA ACCESS Test (Statewide assessment): Test given to all students (grades 9-12) identified as English Learners

April 28, 2027

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) -statewide assessment in Reading and Math: Given to all 11th graders (Math) and all 10th graders (Reading) for 27/27: MCAs are aligned to MN standards and show what each student knows and is able to do.

May 5 2027

MCA Science Test (Statewide Assessment): Test given to all Biology students for the 2026-2027 academic year. MCA science is aligned to MN academic standards and shows what each student is supposed to know and what they can do

May 19-2, 2027

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Why Take Statewide Assessments

Taking Statewide Assessments helps Lincoln International High School provide information about how all students are engaging with the content they learn in school. This information helps teachers to evaluate their instructional materials. Schools and districts identify inequities between groups, explore root causes and implement support systems. The information also helps the school leaders make decisions about how to use money and resources to support all students.

Parent/Guardian Notification:

Student participation in state and locally required assessments is a parent/guardian choice. If you choose to have your student not participate in a statewide assessment, please provide a reason for your decision. Contact the school to learn more about locally required assessments.

Consequences of Not Participating in Statewide Assessments: The student will not receive an individual score. For ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS, the student would not have the opportunity to exit their English learner program. School assessment results will be incomplete, making it more difficult to have an accurate picture of student learning. Since all eligible students are included in some calculations even when they do not participate, school and district

accountability results are impacted. This may affect the school's ability to be identified for support or recognized for success.

Dissemination of Test Results

After students participate in statewide assessments, parents/guardians will receive their students' results from the school. In some cases, student results are available as early as 60 minutes after testing. At Lincoln results are mailed out to parents and guardians as soon as they are available. We also share printed Individual Student Reports (ISRs) with families.

For More information on Testing visit the link:

<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/tests/>