

Browns Valley School District Assessments 2020-2021

State Assessments

The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCAs) and alternate assessments (MCA- Modified and Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS)) are the state tests that help districts measure student progress toward Minnesota's academic standards and also meet the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Most students take the MCA, but students who receive special education services and meet eligibility requirements may take one of the alternate assessments instead.

Reading and mathematics tests are given in grades 3-8, 10 and 11. Science tests are given in grades 5 and 8. Results from state testing are distributed to parents/guardians at fall conferences held the first week in October.

Browns Valley's Testing Dates

MCA/MTAS-

READING

3rd Grade- April 26-30, 2021

4th Grade- April 26-30, 2021

5th Grade- April 26-30, 2021

6th Grade- April 26-30, 2021

7th Grade- April 26-30, 2021

8th Grade- April 26-30, 2021

MATH

3rd Grade- April 19-23, 2021

4th Grade- April 19-23, 2021

5th Grade- April 19-23, 2021

6th Grade- April 19-23, 2021

7th Grade- April 19-23, 2021

8th Grade- April 19-23, 2021

SCIENCE

5th Grade- May 6-7, 2021

8th Grade- May 6-7, 2021

Browns Valley's Testing Policy

The Browns Valley School-wide Committee has determined that all students will participate in state testing. A student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) may dictate an alternative test (MCA- Modified or MTAS) or accommodations to be applied to the MCAs. The MTAS testing schedule is the same as the MCA testing schedule district wide.

District Assessments

Browns Valley students in grades K-8 will take the NWEA tests online every fall (Sept 8-11, 2020.), winter (Jan. 18-22, 2021), and spring (May 10-14, 2021) in the areas of math and reading. Each test last one hour on average, but students have as much time as they need to complete the test.

Browns Valley students also complete the FASTbridge fluency test three times yearly (Sept 8-11, 2020, Jan 7, 2021, and May 6, 2021). In this test students read three different passages for one minute each.

Student data from these tests are used by the district in determining curriculum and programming, creating school-wide goals and targets, as well as determining participation in enrichment programs such as the Response to Intervention (RtI) program, ADSIS, and Targeted Services.