

LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TESTING INFORMATION
2016-2017

STATE AND LOCAL ASSESSMENTS		
MINNESOTA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENTS (MCA)	State required Assessments Reading Assessment - Grades 3-8 and 10 Math Assessment - Grades 3-8 and 11 Science Assessment - Grades 5, 8 and High School	These assessments are untimed. Estimated time is about 2-3 hours per test.
OPTIONAL LOCAL PURPOSE ASSESSMENT (OLPA)	This is an optional assessment given to students to prepare for the state required MCA.	These assessments are untimed. Estimated time is about 2 hours.
STAR ASSESSMENTS	Local assessments given to students to determine reading and math levels. STAR Reading - Grades 2-8 STAR Math – Grades 1-8	These assessments are untimed. They are given once per quarter. Estimated time is 40 minutes.
ACCESS	State required assessment given to all students receiving EL services. Assessment given in the areas of reading, writing, listening, and speaking.	These assessments are untimed. Total estimated for each student is two hours.
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS (FAST)	Locally used benchmark assessment to monitor early literacy skills. Given to students in grades K-6	These benchmark assessments are given to all students three times a year. Estimated time is five minutes.
MINNESOTA TEST OF ACADEMIC SKILLS (MTAS)	Alternative assessment given to special education students unable to take the MCA.	This test is untimed. Estimated time would be about 2 hours.

2016-2017 TEST SCHEDULE

OLPA	Math	Grades 3-5: December & February Grades 6-8: February
	Reading	Grades 3-8: January
ACCESS	Reading/Writing/Listening/ Speaking	Kindergarten: Week of February 6 Grades 1-2: Week of February 13 Grades 3-5: Week of February 20 Middle/High School: Week of February 27
MTAS	Math/Reading/Science	Grades 3-11: March-April
MCA	Math	Grade 3: April 24 th -25 th Grade 4: April 25 th & 26 th Grade 5: April 25 th & 26 th Grade 6: Week of May 1 st Grade 7: Week of May 1 st Grade 8: Week of May 1 st Grade 11: Week of May 1 st
	Reading	Grade 3: April 18 th -21 st Grade 4: April 4 th & 5 th Grade 5: April 4 th & 5 th Grade 6: Week of April 24 th Grade 7: Week of April 24 th Grade 8: Week of April 24 th Grade 10: Week of April 24 th
	Science	Grade 5: Week of May 1 st Grade 8: Week of May 8 th High School: Week of May 8 th