

# **BENSON 2023-2024 TESTING SCHEDULE**

## **August 2023**

29<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: AIMSWeb (Grades K-4)

## **SEPTEMBER 2023**

11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>: STAR Reading & Math Test (Grades 2-11) during Computer Class  
for grades 2-4

19<sup>th</sup>: ASVAB Test (grade 11) @ St. Mark's Church

## **OCTOBER 2023**

11<sup>th</sup> PSAT (grade 11)

## **NOVEMBER 2023**

6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>: STAR Reading & Math Test (Grades 2-5) during Computer Class/Library

## **JANUARY 2024**

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: AIMSWeb (Grades K-4)

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: STAR Reading & Math Test (Grades 2-11) During Computer Class for NS

29<sup>th</sup>: ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs - Begins (ends March 24<sup>th</sup>)

## **MARCH 2024**

4<sup>th</sup>: MCA Mathematics Grades 3-8, 11 Window Opens (ends May 5<sup>th</sup>)

MCA Reading Grades 3-8, 10 Window Opens (ends May 5<sup>th</sup>)

MCA Science Window Opens (ends May 8<sup>th</sup>)

MTAS Reading, Mathematics, and Science Window Opens (ends May 5<sup>th</sup>)

4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: STAR Reading & Math Test (Grades 2-6) during Computer Class/Library

12<sup>th</sup>: ACT test for Juniors

19<sup>th</sup>: ACT Make-up for Juniors

## **APRIL 2024**

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: Grades 3-8 and Grade 10 MCA Reading Test

15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>: Grades 3-8 and Grade 11 MCA Math Test

22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>: Science MCA Test

22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>: Reading/Math MCA Test (if needed)

29<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>: Science MCA Test (if needed)

# **MAY 2024**

6th-10<sup>th</sup>:

AIMSWeb (Grades K-4)

STAR Reading & Math Test (Grades 2-4) During Computer Class

## **AIMSWeb: (District Test)**

What is AIMSWeb? AIMSWeb is a universal screening, progress monitoring, and data management system that supports Response to Intervention (RTI) and tiered instruction. AIMSWeb uses brief, valid, and reliable measures of reading performance for grades K-4, which can be generalized to any curriculum. Tests are given several times per year on the computer with the Title 1 staff.

[www.aimsweb.com/about/faqs](http://www.aimsweb.com/about/faqs)

### Approximate time required for each test:

Average of 5 minutes per student per testing period

## **ASVAB: (District Test)**

What is the ASVAB Test? The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually to more than one million military applicants, high school, and post-secondary students.

### Approximate time required for test:

3 hours

<http://official-asvab.com/>

## **STAR Reading: (District Test)**

What is STAR Reading? STAR Reading is an assessment of reading comprehension and skills for independent readers through grade 12. STAR Reading tracks development in five domains: Word Knowledge and Skills, Comprehension Strategies and Constructing Meaning, Analyzing Literary Text, Understanding Author's Craft, and Analyzing Argument and Evaluating Text. The test is given on the computer.

All STAR assessments are computer-adaptive tests (CATs). Computer-adaptive tests continually adjust the difficulty of each child's test by choosing each test question based on the child's previous response. If the child answers a question correctly, the difficulty level of the next item is increased. If the child misses a question, the difficulty level is

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[doc.renlearn.com/KMNet/R0054872491706A8.pdf](http://doc.renlearn.com/KMNet/R0054872491706A8.pdf)

Approximate time required for each test:

30 Minutes

**STAR Math: (District Test)**

What is STAR Math? STAR Math™ is an assessment of math achievement for students in grades 1-12. STAR Math tracks development in four domains: Numbers and Operations, Algebra, Geometry and Measurement, and Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability. The test is given on the computer.

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Approximate time required for each test:

30 minutes

**ACCESS for ELL (State Test)**

What is the ACCESS test? ACCESS for ELLs is a secure large-scale English language proficiency assessment administered to Kindergarten through 12th grade students who have been identified as English language learners (ELLs). It is given annually.

ACCESS for ELLs is aligned with the WIDA English Language Development Standards and assesses each of the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

<https://www.wida.us/assessment/access20.aspx>

Approximate time required for each test:

Listening: up to 40 minutes

Reading: up to 35 minutes

Speaking: up to 30 minutes

Writing: up to 65 minutes

### **MCA - Math, Reading, and Science: (State Test)**

What are the MCAs? The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) are state tests in mathematics, reading and science that meet the requirements of the federal elementary and secondary education act (esea). They are given every year to measure student performance against the Minnesota academic standards that specify what students in a particular grade should know and do. At Benson Schools, students take the MCA math and reading test in grades 3-8, 10(R) and 11(M). The science test is for 5th, 8th and 10th graders. The tests are administered on the computer.

<https://education.state.mn.us/mdeprod/idcplg?IdcService...latestReleased...>

#### **Approximate time required for each test:**

Reading: (grades 3-8) 2.5-3.5 hours, (grade 10) 2-3 hours

Math: (grades 3-6) 1.5-2 hours, (grades 7-8) 2-2.5 hours, (grade 11) 1.5-2.5 hours

Science: (grades 5 & 8) 1.75 hours, (grade 10) 2 hours.

### **MTAS - Math, Reading, and Science (State Test)**

The Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS) is an alternate assessment based on alternate achievement standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. It is part of the Minnesota assessment program. The MTAS measures reading, mathematics, and science skills that are linked to the general education curriculum. These skills represent high expectations for students with significant cognitive disabilities, but tasks to measure these skills are considerably less difficult than the items on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA).

<https://education.state.mn.us/mdeprod/idcplg?IdcService...latestReleased...>

#### **Approximate time required for each test:**

Reading: 45-90 minutes

Math: 30-60 minutes

Science: 30-60 minutes

### **ACT with Writing: (State Test)**

The ACT is a nationally administered, standardized paper-and-pencil test that helps colleges evaluate candidates. The required portion of the ACT is divided into four multiple choice subject tests: English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning. Subject test scores range from 1 to 36

The ACT Writing test consists of one essay question for which students are allowed 40 minutes to plan, write, and edit their essays. The essay prompts address contemporary issues.

Approximate time required for test:

Paper version - 3.5 hours