

Lionsgate Academy 2010-2011

Minnesota State and District Testing Information

Greetings Families! We would like to share the 2010-2011 Minnesota State and District Testing information with you. We hope the information below answers questions you may have about the testing process.

All students at Lionsgate Academy take part in State and District testing. The Minnesota State Test (MCA test) is held once a year in the spring. The District Assessment Tests (Measurement of Academic Progress or MAP tests) are held three times a year in the fall, winter, and spring.

There are four subject areas of the MAP District Assessment Test: Reading, Language Usage, Math, and Science. Most students must take all four assessments during each district testing session. These assessments are used to track student progress throughout the year. The dates of these tests are located in the 2010-2011 testing calendar on the school website.

In 7th and 8th grade students are required to take the MCA standardized test in math and reading. In high school students are expected to take the MCA-II standardized test in reading, writing, math, and science. The dates of the spring MCA testing are located in the 2010-2011 testing calendar. Students in high school are currently required to pass the Graduation Required Assessments for Diploma (GRAD), which are embedded in the Reading and Math MCA-II exams and the GRAD Test of Written Composition.

This chart shows which test your student will take and whether or not a passing score is required for graduation.

Standardized Tests	Grade First Offered	Requirements
Reading and Math MCA	7 th and 8 th	Take
Science MCA-II	10 th	Take
Reading MCA-II/ GRAD	10 th	Pass
Math MCA-II/ GRAD	11 th	Pass/Take*
GRAD Test of Written Composition	9 th	Pass

***The current legislation allows students to take the GRAD math test three times. If students are not successful after the third attempt, they will still be granted a diploma if they have met all other Lionsgate Academy School graduation requirements.**

Please be aware of when your student's test dates and review the 2010-2011 testing calendar. It is important for scheduling purposes for students to be at school on the dates they are scheduled to test.

If a student does not meet the graduation requirement for an assessment during the first administration, there will be retest opportunities available. If your student needs to retake a GRAD test, you will be notified two weeks in advance. Students who do not meet the GRAD standards when they retake the test must allow one month in between retesting dates.

GRAD Reading & Math Retest Dates 2010-2011 School year

Retest Subject	Retest Dates	Notification of Upcoming Retest Letter Mailed to Families
GRAD Reading	Tuesday, December 7 th Thursday, February 3 rd Tuesday, March 1 st Tuesday, May 3 rd	Tuesday, November 23 rd Tuesday, January 18 th Tuesday, February 15 th Tuesday, April 19 th
GRAD Math	Thursday, December 9 th Friday, February 4 th Thursday, March 3 rd Thursday, May 5 th	Tuesday, November 23 rd Tuesday, January 18 th Tuesday, February 15 th Tuesday, April 19 th
GRAD Writing	Tuesday, November 2 nd Tuesday, April 19 th (Seniors Only)	Tuesday, October 19 th Tuesday, March 29 th

Families will receive notification of all MCA-II/GRAD retests and initial assessment results within 60 days of when results are delivered to the district. The following chart indicates when you will receive a results notification letter based on your student's test date.

GRAD Writing Retest taken in November 2010	Results Notification Letter Mailed by February 8th 2011
GRAD Math and Reading Retests taken December 2010- February 2011	Results Notification Letter Mailed by April 30th 2011
GRAD Math and Reading Retests taken March-May 2011	Results Notification Letter Mailed by July 30th 2011
GRAD Writing Retest taken in April 2011 (12th grade only)	Results Notification Letter Mailed by July 19th 2011
MCA-II/GRAD Initial Assessment taken in April 2011	Results Notification Letter Mailed by October 30th 2011

If you would like more information about Minnesota State Testing, please utilize the following links:

Minnesota Department of Education: <http://www.education.state.mn.us/mde/index.html>

MCA Parent Information with test preparation suggestions:

http://www.education.state.mn.us/MDE/Accountability_Programs/Assessment_and_Testing/Assessments/MCA/Parents/index.html

GRAD Parent Information with test preparation suggestions:

http://www.education.state.mn.us/MDE/Accountability_Programs/Assessment_and_Testing/Assessments/GRAD/GRAD_Parent_Info/index.html