

# QUICK GUIDE

Assessments are designed to provide information about student learning, but there is no single assessment that can provide the full perspective of what a student has learned. These assessments provide one data point that should be considered in the context of additional evidence of student learning.

An Individual Student Report (ISR) for reading, mathematics, and/or science is generated for every student who is expected to take a statewide assessment. The ISR provides information about your student's performance, including overall results, their performance level, and information about their learning of the Minnesota Academic Standards.

If your student did not participate, the ISR shows why results are not included (for example, absent or not completed). If your student participated in both MCA and MTAS for different subjects, they receive separate ISRs for each.

## Reports By Grade

For high school, separate two-page ISRs include the results for each subject: grade 10 reading, grade 11 mathematics, and high school science.

For grades 3, 4, 6, and 7, a four-page ISR includes the results for reading and mathematics.

For grade 5 and 8, a four-page ISR includes the results for reading, mathematics, and science.



Information for students and families is available on the [MDE Statewide Testing Students and Families Assessment Results web page](https://education.mn.gov) (education.mn.gov > Students and Families > Programs and Initiatives > Statewide Testing > Assessment Results).

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Gr 4

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
SCHOOL NAME  
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME

**Firstname M. Lastname**  
SCHOOL NAME  
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME

Spring 2023  
Grade 4

These are your student's results from the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments taken in the spring of 2023.

- 1. Student Information**—Information about your student, including: Student Name, Grade, School, District, Date, and Assessment.

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READING

Partially Meets

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MATHEMATICS

Exceeds

Minnesota Academic Standards

Firstname's score shows performance **slightly below** grade 4 standards

MCA scores are used in school planning and should be used in discussions with other data at the classroom level

Firstname's score shows performance **above** grade 4 standards

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Student Results Video

Scan the **QR code** to access a video of your student's results. If you are unable to scan the QR code, contact your student's school.

English Video

Video en Español

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- 2. Performance Meter**—The Performance Meter shows the student's overall score as a performance level, also known as an achievement level. There are four performance levels: Does Not Meet, Partially Meets, Meets, or Exceeds the Standards.

Students who achieve the Meets or Exceeds the Standards performance levels are demonstrating the knowledge, skills and abilities expected for their grade level, as described in the Minnesota Academic Standards.

- 3. Standards**—Next to the Performance Meter is a description of your student's score in relation to what students at each performance level are expected to know of the Minnesota Academic Standards.
- 4. Student Results Video**—A video report is available for each student with at least one valid score. The video is accessed by scanning the QR code printed on the report or contacting your student's school for a link. The video may also be available in a home language based on student enrollment data, if specified.

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MATHEMATICS: FIRSTNAME'S OVERALL MCA-III RESULTS

	401	440	450	466	499
Your Student	468				
School Average	465.5				
District Average	448.6				
State Average	451.5				

**Performance Level Description:**  
Students at the **Exceeds the Standards** level exceed the mathematics skills of the Minnesota Academic Standards.

- 5. Overall Results**—For each subject, your student's performance is compared to the school, district, and state average scale scores. The colors of the bars on the bar graph match the colors of the performance levels.

6. **Performance Details**—Your student’s score is compared to state expectations for detailed areas within each subject. A downward pointing arrow indicates performance below state expectations; a horizontal double-headed arrow indicates performance at or near state expectations; and an upward pointing arrow indicates performance above state expectations.

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**MATHEMATICS: Performance Details**

MATHEMATICS AREA	DESCRIPTION	PERFORMANCE
<b>Number and Operation:</b>	May include understanding meanings of numbers and operations; computing fluently and making reasonable estimates.	↔ At or Near Expectations
<b>Algebra:</b>	May include models to understand, represent and analyze patterns, relations, and functions.	↑ Above Expectations
<b>Geometry and Measurement:</b>	May include analyzing properties of geometric shapes; understanding the units, systems, and processes of measurement.	↑ Above Expectations
<b>Data Analysis:</b>	May include organizing and representing data questions; understanding and applying basic concepts.	↑ Above Expectations

**7** Predicted Quantile<sup>®</sup>(\*) measure: **1275Q** and range: **1225Q - 1325Q**

7. **Lexile<sup>®</sup> or Quantile<sup>®</sup> Measure**—Reading and Mathematics MCA ISRs include a predicted Lexile (reading) or Quantile (mathematics) measure. Use these ranges to help find materials appropriate for your student’s ability in the content area’s skills and concepts.

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**Resources for Learning**

- Enter the predicted Lexile range at [hub.lexile.com](http://hub.lexile.com) to match your student’s reading skills with books appropriate for their level. Enter the predicted Quantile range to match your student with resources appropriate for their level.

8. **Resources for Learning**—Additional information on the Lexile and Quantile measures shown on the ISR.

## Reading and Mathematics High School Reports

9. **Career and College Readiness (CCR)**—For grades 10 and 11, see how your student’s MCA score relates to goal scores that are used to determine career and college readiness in reading and mathematics.

**Using MCA Scores for Course Placement**—Minnesota State Colleges and Universities may use high school Reading and Mathematics MCA scores in determining course placement. Retain the score report if completing the admissions process. For more information, view the [Minnesota State Academic Affairs](http://minnstate.edu) page ([minnstate.edu](http://minnstate.edu) > System Office Divisions > Academic and Student Affairs > Academic Affairs > Academic Readiness > how MCAs are used).

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**Reading Career and College Readiness (CCR)**

Your student’s score is **1048**.

A student whose Reading MCA-III score is at or above 1058 is on track to demonstrate career and college readiness in reading on a college admissions test at the end of grade 11.

**MCA-III Placement Score Ranges for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities**

Intended Course of Enrollment (or equivalent)	Enrollment in Developmental Course Unless Additional Information Indicates Otherwise	Need More Information on Readiness	Enrollment in College Level Course
Reading intensive or equivalent course	MCA-III score below 1042	1042 to 1046	1047 or above

Retain this score report for use if completing the admissions process at a Minnesota State college or university. For more information please contact Minnesota State colleges and universities or your student’s school.

## Grades 3–8 Multi-Subject Reports

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**Your Student’s MATHEMATICS Performance History**

Student Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8
Year	2022	2023				
Achievement level of student score on grade level standards						

10. **Performance History**—

- The table shows your student’s performance history.
- The achievement level reported for a grade relates to the Minnesota Academic Standards tested in that particular grade only. When looking at results across grades, keep in mind academic standards change from grade to grade, and it is difficult to determine whether students are progressing based on MCA results alone.

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**m DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA-III) Reading and Mathematics**

School District  
P.O. Box 1234  
123 First St  
City Name, MN 12345

Optional Parent or Guardian Name  
To the Parent or Guardian of Firstname M. Lastname  
Optional Address Line 1  
Optional Address Line 2  
Optional Address Line 3

The last page of the ISR includes FAQs and information on where to find additional resources.

**What is the Individual Student Report (ISR) about?**

- This ISR provides your student’s results on the Minnesota statewide assessments taken in the spring of 2023 to measure student learning of the Minnesota Academic Standards.
- This ISR includes your student’s overall score and performance level in each subject tested and the average scores for students at your school, your district, and at the state level.
- If you have questions about the results, we encourage you to contact your student’s school.

**Who takes these assessments and why?**

The Minnesota statewide assessments are taken by all public students in grades 3-8 and 11 in mathematics, in grades 3-8 and 10 in reading, and in grades 5, 8, and once in high school in science.

**Where can parents/guardians find information?**

Find information on results for students and families on the following webpages:

- MDE [Students and Families Statewide Testing](#) page under Assessment Results (MDE website > Students and Families > Programs and Initiatives > Statewide Testing)
- [Parents/Access Next Individual Student Reports \(ISRs\) Resources](#) (Minnesota Pearson/Access Next website > Reporting Resources > Individual Student Reports (ISRs) Resources)

**How can I request my student’s results in a translated language or an alternative format?**

If your home language has been reported to your student’s school or district, a QR code may be included on page 1 to a translated student results video with translated audio and/or captions. This ISR report format may also be made available in another translated language or an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or as an audio file. Contact MDE by email at [mde.testing@state.mn.us](mailto:mde.testing@state.mn.us), by phone 651-562-8674 or by fax 651-562-8874. TTY users may call the Minnesota Relay Service at 711.

**What Families Need to Know about Using MCA and MTAS Results**  
([education.mn.gov](http://education.mn.gov) > Students and Families > Programs and Initiatives > Statewide Testing > Assessment Results)