Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School - 2025-26 Rationale and Assessment Schedule

(Dates subject to change)

Test	Purpose	Subjects	Rationale	Source of the Requirement	Average Time Students Spend
MCA & MTAS	To measure achievement on the Minnesota Academic Standards and measure academic progress of students over time	Mathematics Reading Science – 5th year	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESEA	Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30 and ESEA	Mathematics 1.5-3 hours Reading 2.5-3.5 hours Science 1.5-2 hours
ACCESS & Alternate ACCESS	To annually assess English language proficiency of all English learners	Reading Listening Speaking Writing	Monitor English learner progress as they develop academic language skills	Federal and state requirements MDE/ESEA	Reading 15 minutes Listening 15 minutes Speaking 25 minutes Writing 25 minutes
FastBridge	To gather baseline data about math and reading skill level.	Reading Mathematics	Measures student growth and learning needs	LEA School's Authorizer, University of St Thomas	Reading 25-30 minutes Mathematics 25-30 minutes
FastBridge	To evaluate student functioning in terms of overall general behavior	SAEBRS (Social, Academic, Emotional Behavior Risk Screener)	School success is predicated not just upon academic achievement but also within multiple inter-related behavior domains	LEA School's Authorizer, University of St Thomas	SAEBRS 3-5 minutes
Capti	To gather baseline data about reading skill level.	Reading	Measures student growth and learning needs	MDE State requirement	Reading 25-30 minutes

Disseminating Results:

- Results of the MCA assessments will be mailed to parents before the first parent-teacher conferences in the following school year.
- Results of the ACCESS assessments will be mailed to parents before the first parent-teacher conferences in the following school year.
- Results of the FastBridge and Capti assessments will be shared with parents at parent-teacher fall/spring conferences and used by staff to guide Cornerstone's approach to individual interventions and class-level instruction.
- Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School's state testing results are also available on the Minnesota Report Card section of the MDE website: https://rc.education.mn.gov/#mySchool/orgId--74201010000__p--3

FASTBridge Reading Assessment Schedule

Grades   *Assessment*
K-1:   earlyReading Composite (one-on-one with teacher, 5 minutes per student)
2-3:   CBMreading (one-on-one with teacher, 4 minutes per student)
             aReading (computer based, 30 minutes per student)
             earlyReading Nonsense Words (one-on one with teacher, 3 minutes per student)

Fall Assessment: September 8 – October 10, 2025
Winter Assessment: December 1-19, 2025
Spring Assessment: May 4-22, 2026

FASTBridge Math Assessment Schedule

Grades   *Assessment*
K-1:   FASTBridge earlyMath assessments in the fall, winter and spring
2-6:   FASTBridge aMath assessments in the fall, winter and spring.
             Each assessment takes approximately 15-30 minutes per child.

Fall Assessment: September 8 – October 10, 2025
Winter Assessment: December 1-19, 2025
Spring Assessment: May 4-22, 2026

FASTBridge SAEBRS Schedule

Grades 2-6

Fall Assessment: September 8 – October 10, 2025
Winter Assessment: December 1-19, 2025
Spring Assessment: May 4-22, 2026

Capti Reading Assessment Schedule

Grades   *Assessment*
4-6:   ReadBasix (computer based, 35 minutes total per student)

Fall Assessment: September 8 – October 10, 2025
Winter Assessment: December 1-19, 2025
Spring Assessment: May 4-22, 2026

ACCESS Schedule
Assessment Window: January 28 – March 5
Grades K-6

January 28
9:15 – 10:15 AM
4th & 5th years
10:15-11:15 AM
3rd years
1:30 – 2:30 PM
6th years
Listening

January 29
9:15 – 10:15 AM
2nd years
10:15 – 11:15 AM
1st years
Listening

January 30
9:15 – 11:15 AM
Listening Makeup

February 3
9:15 – 10:15 AM
4th & 5th years
10:15-11:00 AM
6th years
Reading

February 4
9:15 – 10:15 AM
3rd years
Reading

February 5
9:15 – 10:15 AM
2nd years
10:15 – 11:15 AM
1st years
Reading

February 6
9:15 – 10:15 AM
Reading Makeup

February 10
9:00 – 10:00 AM
4th & 5th years
10:00-11:00 AM
1st years
Speaking

February 11
9:15 – 10:00 AM
6th years
10:00 – 10:45 AM
3rd years
10:45 – 11:30 AM
3rd years
Speaking

February 12
9:15 – 9:45 AM
2nd years
10:15 – 11:45 AM
1st years
Writing

February 18
9:15 – 10:15 AM
10:15 – 11:45 AM
Writing

February 19
9:15 – 10:15 AM
10:15 – 11:45 AM
Writing

February 20
9:15 – 10:15 AM
Writing

February 20-February 27
Makeup

February 2 – February 6
Kindergarten Assessments

MCA Schedule – Reading and Math
MCA Window: March 25 – May 1
Grades 3-6

March 26
9:30-10:30 – 3rd year – Reading
10:45-11:45 – 3rd year – Reading

March 27
9:30-10:30 – 3rd year – Reading
10:45-11:45 – 3rd year – Reading

March 30
9:30-10:30 – 3rd year – Math
10:45-11:45 – 3rd year – Math

March 31
10:45-11:45 – 3rd year – Math
1:30-2:30 – 3rd year – Math

April 14
10:45-11:45 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading
1:30-2:30 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading

April 15
9:30-10:30 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading
10:45-11:45 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading

April 16
9:30-10:30 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading
10:45-11:45 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading

April 17
9:30-10:30 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading
10:45-11:45 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading

April 20
9:30-10:30 – MCA Makeup 3rd grade
10:45-11:45 – MCA Makeup 3rd grade

April 21
9:30-10:30 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math
10:45-11:45 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math

April 22
9:30-10:30 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math
10:45-11:45 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math

April 23
9:30-10:30 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math
10:45-11:45 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math

April 24
9:30-10:30 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math
10:45-11:45 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math

April 27
9:30-10:30 – MCA Makeup all grades
10:45-11:45 – MCA Makeup all grades

April 28
10:45-11:45 – MCA Makeup all grades

April 29
9:30-10:30 – MCA Makeup all grades
10:45-11:45 – MCA Makeup all grades

April 30
9:30-10:30 – MCA Makeup all grades
10:45-11:45 – MCA Makeup all grades

May 1
9:30-10:30 – MCA Makeup all grades
10:45-11:45 – MCA Makeup all grades

MCA Schedule – Science – 5ᵗʰ Year
MCA Science Window: April 30 - May 7
Grade 5

April 30
9:30-10:30 – 5ᵗʰ year – Science
10:45-11:45 – 5ᵗʰ year – Science

May 4
9:30-10:30 – 5ᵗʰ year – Science
10:45-11:45 – 5ᵗʰ year – Science

May 5
9:30-10:30 – 5ᵗʰ year – Science
10:45-11:45 – 5ᵗʰ year – Science

May 6
9:30-10:30 – 5ᵗʰ year – Science Makeup
10:45-11:45 – 5ᵗʰ year – Science Makeup

May 6
9:30-10:30 – 5ᵗʰ year – Science Makeup
10:45-11:45 – 5ᵗʰ year – Science Makeup