

Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School - 2026-27 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 – 5 th 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
DIBELS	To gather baseline data about reading skill level for children not yet proficient in English This assessment replaces Capti or FastBridge for some English Language Learners	Reading	Measures student growth and learning needs	MDE State requirement	Reading 5-10 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, Capti and DIBELS 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

<i>Grades</i>	<i>Assessment</i>
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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 14 – October 9, 2026

Winter Assessment: December 1-18, 2026

Spring Assessment: May 10-28, 2027

FASTBridge Math Assessment Schedule

<i>Grades</i>	<i>Assessment</i>
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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 14 – October 9, 2026

Winter Assessment: December 1-18, 2026

Spring Assessment: May 10-28, 2027

FASTBridge SAEBRS Schedule

Grades 2-6

Fall Assessment: September 14 – October 9, 2026

Winter Assessment: December 1-18, 2026

Spring Assessment: May 10-28, 2027

Capti Reading Assessment Schedule

<i>Grades</i>	<i>Assessment</i>
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4-6:	ReadBasix (computer based, 35 minutes total per student)
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Fall Assessment: September 14 – October 9, 2026

Winter Assessment: December 1-18, 2026

Spring Assessment: May 10-28, 2027

DIBELS Reading Assessment Schedule

<i>Grades</i>	<i>Assessment</i>
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K-6:	DIBELS 8 th Edition
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Fall Assessment: September 14 – October 9, 2026

Winter Assessment: December 1-18, 2026

Spring Assessment: May 10-28, 2027

ACCESS Schedule

Assessment Window: February 1 – March 26

Grades K-6

February 1

9:15 – 10:15 AM

4th & 5th years

10:15-11:15 AM

3rd years

1:30 – 2:30 PM

6th years

Listening

February 2

9:15 – 10:15 AM

2nd years

10:15 – 11:15 AM

1st years

Listening

February 3

9:15 – 11:15 AM

Listening Makeup

February 4

9:15 – 10:15 AM

4th & 5th years

10:15-11:00 AM

6th years

Reading

February 5

9:15 – 10:15 AM

3rd years

Reading

February 8

9:15 – 10:15 AM

2nd years

10:15 – 11:15 AM

1st years

Reading

February 9

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 16

9:15 – 10:15 AM

10:15 – 11:45 AM

Writing

February 17

9:15 – 10:15 AM

10:15 – 11:45 AM

Writing

February 18

9:15 – 10:15 AM

Writing

February 19-February 26

Makeup

February 8 – February 12

Kindergarten Assessments

MCA Schedule – Reading and Math

MCA Window: March 31 – May 7

Grades 3-6

March 30

9:30-10:30 – 3rd year – Reading

10:45-11:45 – 3rd year – Reading

March 31

9:30-10:30 – 3rd year – Reading

10:45-11:45 – 3rd year – Reading

April 1

9:30-10:30 – 3rd year – Math

10:45-11:45 – 3rd year – Math

April 13

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 20

9:30-10:30 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading

10:45-11:45 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading

April 21

9:30-10:30 – MCA Makeup 3rd grade

10:45-11:45 – MCA Makeup 3rd grade

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 27

9:30-10:30 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math

10:45-11:45 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math

April 28

9:30-10:30 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math

10:45-11:45 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math

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 4

9:30-10:30 – MCA Makeup all grades

10:45-11:45 – MCA Makeup all grades

May 5

9:30-10:30 – MCA Makeup all grades

10:45-11:45 – MCA Makeup all grades

May 6

9:30-10:30 – MCA Makeup all grades

10:45-11:45 – MCA Makeup all grades

MCA Schedule – Science – 5th Year

MCA Science Window: May 5 - May 14

Grade 5

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

10:45-11:45 – 5th year – Science

May 11

9:30-10:30 – 5th year – Science

10:45-11:45 – 5th year – Science

May 12

9:30-10:30 – 5th year – Science Makeup

10:45-11:45 – 5th year – Science Makeup

May 13

9:30-10:30 – 5th year – Science Makeup

10:45-11:45 – 5th year – Science Makeup