

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 |
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| 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 |

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

| <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 8 – October 10, 2025

Winter Assessment: December 1-19, 2025

Spring Assessment: May 4-22, 2026

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 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

| <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 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 24

10:00-11:00 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading

11:00-12:00 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading

March 25

10:00-11:00 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading

11:00-12:00 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading

March 26

10:00-11:00 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading

11:00-12:00 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading

March 27

10:00-11:00 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading

11:00-12:00 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Reading

March 31

10:00-11:00 – 3rd year – Reading

11:00-12:00 – 3rd year – Reading

April 1

10:00-11:00 – 3rd year – Reading

11:00-12:00 – 3rd year – Reading

April 14

10:00-11:00 – 3rd year – Reading

11:00-12:00 – 3rd year – Reading

April 15

10:00-11:00 – 3rd year – Math

11:00-12:00 – 3rd year – Math

April 16

10:00-11:00 – 3rd year – Math

11:00-12:00 – 3rd year – Math

April 17

10:00-11:00 – 3rd year – Math

11:00-12:00 – 3rd year – Math

April 21

10:00-11:00 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math

11:00-12:00 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math

April 22

10:00-11:00 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math

11:00-12:00 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math

April 23

10:00-11:00 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math

11:00-12:00 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math

April 24

10:00-11:00 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math

11:00-12:00 – 4th, 5th, 6th year – Math

April 28

10:00-11:00 – MCA Makeup all grades

11:00-12:00 – MCA Makeup all grades

April 29

10:00-11:00 – MCA Makeup all grades

11:00-12:00 – MCA Makeup all grades

April 30

10:00-11:00 – MCA Makeup all grades

11:00-12:00 – MCA Makeup all grades

MCA Schedule – Science – 5th Year

MCA Science Window: May 1 – 7

Grade 5

May 1

10:00-11:00 – 5th year – Science

11:00-12:00 – 5th year – Science

May 4

10:00-11:00 – 5th year – Science

11:00-12:00 – 5th year – Science

May 5

10:00-11:00 – 5th year – Science

11:00-12:00 – 5th year – Science

May 6

10:00-11:00 – 5th year – Science

11:00-12:00 – 5th year – Science

May 7

10:00-11:00 – 5th year – Science Makeup

11:00-12:00 – 5th year – Science Makeup