

QUICK GUIDE

Since March 2020, educators and students experienced significant and profound changes in teaching and learning, as well as social and emotional well-being. It is important to keep this in mind when interpreting assessment results, as these changes are reflected in student scores but are difficult to account for accurately.

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 website](https://education.mn.gov) (education.mn.gov > Students and Families > Programs and Initiatives > Statewide Testing).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Firstname M. Lastname

SCHOOL NAME
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME

Spring 2022
Grade 4

These are your student's results from the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments taken in the spring of 2022.

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

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MATHEMATICS

Exceeds

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

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

- 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 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.

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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.

- 4. 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.

5. **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.

5 **MATHEMATICS: Performance Details**

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

Mathematics **Learning Locator™** 426843 Lexile® or Quantile® measure: 1275Q and range: 1225Q - 1325Q

6. **Learning Locator™ Access Code**—The code provides access to a website featuring customized learning resources based on your student's results. Note: This website will be available through Dec. 2022.

7. **Lexile® or Quantile® 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.

8 **Resources for Learning**

- Enter the **Learning Locator™** code by subject at mn.pearsonperspective.com/perspective/ for resources mapped to your student's results. Note: Perspective is available until December 31, 2022, after which the code will no longer be active.
- Enter the predicted Lexile range at 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 Learning Locator codes and 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 the MCA score relates to career and college readiness in reading or 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** page (minnstate.edu > System Office Divisions > Academic and Student Affairs > Academic Affairs > Academic Readiness > how MCAs are used).

9 **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

10 **Your Student's MATHEMATICS Performance History**

Student Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8
Year	2021	2022				
Achievement level of student score on grade level standards	 Meets	 Exceeds				

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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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

What is this report about?

- This Individual Student Report (ISR) provides your student's results on the Minnesota Assessments taken in the spring of 2022 to measure student knowledge and skills on 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.
- 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.

Who takes these assessments and why?
The Minnesota Assessments are taken by all public students in grades 3-8 and 11 on mathematics, in grades 3-8 and 10 on reading, and in grades 5, 8, and once in high school on science.

Where can I find information for parents/guardians?
View short videos, quick guides, and an interpretive guide on the [Individual Student Reports \(ISRs\) Resources](#) links below.

- [MCA ISR Quick Guide](#) (minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com > Reporting Resources > Individual Student Reports (ISRs) Resources > MCA ISR Quick Guide)
- [Understanding the MCA ISR Video](#) (minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com > Reporting Resources > Individual Student Reports (ISRs) Resources > Understanding the MCA ISR Video)
- [Interpretive Guide for Statewide Assessment Reports](#) (minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com > Reporting Resources > Individual Student Reports (ISRs) Resources > Interpretive Guide for Statewide Assessment Reports)

How can I get this report in a translated language or an alternative format?
To request this Individual Student Report be made available in a translated language or an alternative format, such as large print, Braille, or as an audio file, contact Statewide Testing by email at mde.testing@state.mn.us, by phone 651-582-8674 or by fax 651-582-8874. TTY users may call the Minnesota Relay Service at 711.

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

What Families Need to Know about Using MCA and MTAS Results
(MDE website > Students and Families > Programs and initiatives > Statewide Testing)