

Online State and Federal Tests

1. OLPA—Optional Local Purpose Assessments are practice tests for the MCA tests. The name has to do with a district's ability to use these practice tests for their own purposes, which include familiarity with the test format and content and a measure of how grades 3-8 students are performing in the subject areas.

At AES, OLPA is scheduled in Labs B and C each day and with Chromebooks in classrooms on these dates:

November 29 & 30 2 sets of Chromebooks

December 6-8 2 sets of Chromebooks

January 10 & 11 1 set of Chromebooks

January 12 & 13 1 set of Chromebooks

January 17 & 18 1 set of Chromebooks

Make-up will be scheduled in a lab as needed.

At AMS, OLPA is scheduled in Micro and Chip Labs and with Chromebooks in a classroom (sometimes) on these dates:

December 12-16; 19-20 are make-up days

2. WIDA is the name of the agency that supports English Language Learners and manages the federally required language tests. The name has no defined meaning beyond this. **ACCESS 2.0 Assessments** are a series of 4 tests given to English Language Learners to measure their English proficiency in reading, writing, listening and speaking. They are scheduled January 30-March 24, 2017.

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3. MCA-III, Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments, series III, scheduled March 6 to May 5 for reading and math and ending May 12 for science, are:

Reading and math tests for grades 3-8

Reading test for grade 10

Math test for grade 11

Science tests for grades 5, 8, and a science test for high school students taking biology during the year

Some special education students take a paper/pencil version of the tests. A designated person enters the information online.

MTAS-III, Minnesota Tests of Academic Skills, series III, are alternatives to MCA tests. They are given to special education students with the greatest cognitive challenges. Teachers enter the student information online.