

SPCPA 2023-24 Testing Calendar

October 2023	
<i>Wed October 11th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PSAT/NMSQT (all 10th & 11th graders) ● PSAT 8/9 (all 9th graders)
March 2024	
<i>Mon - Thurs March 11th - 14th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MCA Science (all Biology students)
<i>Tues- Fri March 19th - 22nd</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACCESS (select students) Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking
<i>Tues March 26th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACT with writing (optional for 11th & 12th graders)
April 2024	
<i>Wed April 17th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MCA Reading (all 10th graders) ● MCA Math (all 11th graders)
May 2024	
<i>Tues May 7th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP Statistics 12:00 PM
<i>Wed May 8th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP English Literature & Composition, 8:00 AM ● AP Comparative Government and Politics 12:00 PM
<i>Thurs May 9th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP Environmental Science, 8:00 AM
<i>Fri May 10th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP U.S.History 8:00 AM
<i>Mon May 13th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP Calculus, 8:00 AM
<i>Tues May 14th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP English Language & Composition, 8:00 AM
<i>Wed May 15th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP World History: Modern, 8:00 AM
<i>Thurs May 16th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP Spanish Language & Culture, 8:00 AM ● AP Biology, 12:00 PM

*Test dates subject to change;

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This document will be updated on the SPCPA website in the event of changes.

PSAT Series of Tests

The PSAT series (PSAT 9, PSAT 10, PSAT/NMSQT) measures knowledge in core subjects. The results of these tests help students prepare and plan for future learning. They also provide insights into college and career readiness. They provide information about each cohort of students as they move from grade to grade in high school. In addition, the PSAT/NMSQT is the main route to the National Merit Scholarship Program for 11th graders. This series is required by SPCPA's authorizer. These tests are free to ALL students.

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) are state-required tests. The MCAs are used to measure student achievement. MCA scores may be used by colleges and universities to help determine course enrollment. These tests are free to ALL students.

ACT

The ACT is a college admissions test in the United States. *Students are not required to take this test, but many colleges require an ACT or SAT score as part of the application process.* This test measures skill levels in core subjects and assists in preparation for college and career readiness. The ACT has a fee of \$60.00* per student, however families who qualify for financial benefits may be eligible for free/reduced testing. Testing fees are non-refundable.

*fees set by the ACT Organization and may be subject to change

Advanced Placement Exams

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams *are optional* and designed to measure learning in specific areas. Students taking specific courses are encouraged to also take the AP exam associated with the course. Students are not required to take the course before taking the AP Exam if they have prepared for the exam through another avenue. Many colleges and universities offer scholarships and credits for qualifying AP scores. AP exams have a fee of 60.00* per student per exam. Families who qualify for financial benefits may be eligible for free/reduced testing costs. Testing fees are non-refundable.

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**Unused AP exams incur an additional \$40.00 return fee per the College Board. This fee will be charged to students who register for an AP exam and do not take it*