

SPCPA 2025-26 Testing Calendar

October 2025	
<i>October 7</i>	• PSAT/NMSQT (all 10th graders) • PSAT 8/9 (all 9th graders)
<i>October 8</i>	• PSAT/NMSQT (all 11th graders)
March 2026	
<i>March 9-13</i>	• ACCESS (select students) • MCA Science (all Biology students) • MCA Reading (all English 10 students)
<i>March 17</i>	• MCA Math (all 11th grade students)
April 2026	
<i>April 28</i>	• ACT + Writing (11th and 12th grade eligible)
May 2026	
<i>Mon May 4</i>	• AP Biology, 8:00AM
<i>Tues May 5</i>	• AP US Government & Politics, 12:00 PM
<i>Wed May 6</i>	• AP Literature and Composition, 8:00 AM • AP Physics 1, 12:00 PM
<i>Thurs May 7</i>	• AP Physics 2, 8:00 AM
<i>Fri May 8</i>	• AP US History, 8:00 AM
<i>Mon May 11</i>	• AP Calculus AB, 8:00 AM
<i>Wed May 13</i>	• AP Language and Composition, 8:00 AM
<i>Thurs May 14</i>	• AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, 12:00 PM
<i>Fri May 15</i>	• AP Environmental Science, 8:00 AM

*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 \$64.00* 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 64.00* per student per exam. Families who qualify for financial benefits may be eligible for free/reduced testing costs. Testing fees are non-refundable.

**Fees are set by the College Board and may be subject to change*

**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*