

Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards, Required State Tests and Graduation Requirements

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SUBJECT	SCHOOL DISTRICT STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS	REQUIRED STATE TESTS FOR 2007-08	STATE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS 21.5 course credits¹
		<p>MN Comprehensive Assessments (MCA-IIs); Graduation Required Assessment for Diploma (GRAD); and the Basic Skills Tests (BSTs) – Students enrolled in grade 8 before the 2005-06 school year are required to pass the BST in reading, math and writing; students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2005-06 school year or later are required to pass the reading and mathematics MCA-II or GRAD and the writing GRAD.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See Testing FAQ for more information</p>	<p>Total includes 7 elective credits. Students must also meet local requirements. Graduation credit requirements must be fully in place for the graduating class of 2007-08 unless otherwise noted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See Credit Requirements, page 10, 2007 Omnibus E-12 Act Summary</p>
Language Arts	<p>State Standards Grades K-2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9-12</p> <p>Revision year: 2009-2010 Implement revised standards: 2012-13</p>	<p>NCLB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCA-II Reading - Grades 3-8, 10 <i>GRAD – is embedded in the Reading MCA-II in grade 10</i> OR • Reading MN Test of Academic Skills (MTAS) - Grades 3-8, 10 for some students with IEPs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 credits • Pass GRAD Written Composition—Grade 9 • Pass MCA-II/GRAD Reading—Grade 10 <p>Transition: Students who were enrolled in grade 8 before the 2005-06 school year must pass the Reading and Written Composition BSTs</p>
		<p>STATE GRADUATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRAD Written Composition - Grade 9; Retests (BST/GRAD) - Grades 10-12 AND • BST Reading retests - Grades 11-12 (or GRAD reading retests starting in the summer of 2008) 	
Math	<p>State Standards Grades K-2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9-11</p> <p>Revision year: 2006-2007 Implement revised standards: 2010-2011</p> <p>More information on the implementation of the 2007 Mathematics Standards</p>	<p>NCLB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCA-II Mathematics - Grades 3-8, 11 <i>GRAD will be embedded in Grade 11 in the 2008-09 school year</i> OR • Mathematics Test for English Language Learners (MTELL) - Grades 3-8, 11 (<i>pending federal approval in fall 2007</i>) OR • Mathematics MN Test of Academic Skills (MTAS) - Grades 3-8, 11 for some students with IEPs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 credits², encompassing the algebra, geometry, and statistics and probability content sufficient to satisfy the academic standards • Pass MCA-II/GRAD Mathematics—Grade 11 in 2009 <p>Transition: Students who were enrolled in grade 8 before the 2005-06 school year must pass the Mathematics BST</p> <p>Students in the class of 2015 must complete an Algebra I credit by the end of 8th grade, and must also complete an Algebra II credit or its equivalent, in addition to the requirements above.</p>
		<p>STATE GRADUATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BST Mathematics retests - Grades 11-12 	
Arts	<p>Local or State Standards³ Grades K-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12 (state standards)</p> <p>Revision year: 2007-2008 Implement revised standards: 2010-11</p>	<p>No state required tests Locally selected assessments</p>	<p>1 credit²</p>
Science	<p>State Standards Districts may choose either option: a) Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9-12; or b) Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12</p> <p>Revision date: 2008-2009 Implement revised standards: 2011-12</p>	<p>NCLB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCA-II Science - Grades 5, 8 and high school <i>Preferred administration of the high school test takes place after students have completed a life science course.</i> OR • Science MN Test of Academic Skills (MTAS) – Grades 5, 8 and high school for some students with IEPs. 	<p>3 credits², including one in biology Note: An agriculture science or Career and Technical Education (CTE) course may fulfill a general science credit requirement.</p> <p>Students in the class of 2015 must earn a biology credit and a chemistry or physics credit as part of the 3-credit requirement.</p>

SUBJECT	SCHOOL DISTRICT STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS ¹	REQUIRED STATE TESTS FOR 2007-08 and implementation dates for new tests	STATE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS 21.5 course credits
Social Studies	<p>State Standards Grades K-3, 4-8, 9-12</p> <p>Revision date: 2010-2011 Implement revised standards: 2013-14</p>	<p>No state required tests Locally selected assessments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.5 credits, encompassing U.S. history, geography, world history, economics, and government/citizenship - or - • 3 credits encompassing U.S. history, geography, world history, government/citizenship and a .5 credit in economics (taught in social studies, business, or agriculture education department)
Health/Physical Education	<p>Local Standards</p> <p>In grades K-8 phys. ed. instruction must be given to all students each year; in grades K-8 health instruction must be given each year or by district-determined grade bands. Grade 9-12 instruction must be provided to all students at least once in both areas. Districts determine periodic standards revision cycle.</p>	<p>No state required tests Locally selected assessments</p>	Local decision
Career & Technical Education	<p>Local Standards</p> <p>Districts must offer courses in this elective subject area. Districts determine periodic standards revision cycle.</p>	<p>No state required tests Locally selected assessments</p>	Local decision
World Languages	<p>Local Standards</p> <p>Districts must offer courses in this elective subject area. View program requirements, page 10, 2007 Omnibus E-12 Act Summary. Districts determine periodic standards revision cycle.</p>	<p>No state required tests Locally selected assessments</p>	Local decision
English Language Proficiency (ELP) ⁴	<p>State Standards Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12</p> <p>(Adopted per NCLB)</p>	<p>NCLB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test of Emerging Academic English (TEAE), a reading/writing proficiency test - Grades 3-12 • K-2 Reading and Writing Checklist • MN Student Oral Language Observation Matrix (MN SOLOM), a listening and speaking language proficiency test - Grades K-12 	LEP students are subject to the same graduation credit requirements as all students.

¹ A course credit is equivalent to a student successfully completing an academic year of study or mastering the subject matter, as determined by the local school district.

² A CTE course may fulfill a general science, math or arts credit requirement.

³ ARTS: Districts must offer 3 and require 1 in the areas of dance, music, theater, visual arts and/or media arts in 9-12. (In grades K-8, districts must offer 3 and require 2 in dance, music, theater and/or visual arts.)

⁴ Federally required if districts receive Title III dollars.