

MCA Individual Student Report (ISR) Quick Guide for Reading and Mathematics

Individual Student Reports (or ISRs) are generated for every student who is expected to take a statewide assessment. The ISR provides information about your student's performance and learning of the Minnesota Academic Standards.

The MCA is administered to students in reading in grades 3–8 and 10, and mathematics in grades 3–8 and 11.

Beginning in 2024–25, each subject and test appears on a separate ISR.

If your student did not participate, the ISR shows why results are not included (for example, absent or not completed).

1. Student Information—Student Name, Grade, School, District, Date and Assessment.
2. Performance Meter—The student's overall score is shown 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.

1 Student Information—Student Name, Grade, School, District, Date and Assessment.

2 Performance Meter—The student's overall score is shown 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.

3 Minnesota Academic Standards

4 Student Results Video

5 Overall Results—Your student's score and the school, district, and state average scores.

6 Performance Details—Your student's score is compared to state expectations for detailed areas within each subject. Performance within a subject is reported as below expectations, at or near expectations, or above expectations.

7 Lexile or Quantile Measure—Reading and Mathematics MCA ISRs include a predicted Lexile (reading) or Quantile (mathematics) measure.

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. | Above Expectations |
| Data Analysis: | May include organizing and displaying data questions; understanding and applying basic concepts of probability. | Above Expectations |

3. Standards—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.
4. Student Results Video—A video report is available for each student with a valid score. The video is accessed by scanning the QR code printed on the report or contacting your student's school for a link. The video may also be available in a home language based on student enrollment data, if specified.
5. Overall Results—Your student's score and the school, district, and state average scores.
6. Performance Details—Your student's score is compared to state expectations for detailed areas within each subject. Performance within a subject is reported as below expectations, at or near expectations, or above expectations.
7. Lexile or Quantile Measure—Reading and Mathematics MCA ISRs include a predicted Lexile (reading) or Quantile (mathematics) measure.



Information for students and families is available on the **MDE Statewide Testing Students and Families Assessment Results** website (education.mn.gov > Students and Families > Programs and Initiatives > Statewide Testing > Assessment Results).

Your Student's Mathematics Performance History

Your student's performance history on the Mathematics MCA-III is below. The table shows the achievement level for your student by grade and subject.

Your Student's Mathematics Performance History

| Student Grade | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | 2024 | 2025 | | | | |
| Achievement level of student grade score on grade level standards |  |  | | | |  |

Mathematics Career and College Readiness (CCR)**9**

Your student's score is 1166.

A student whose Mathematics MCA-III score is at or above 1152 is on track to demonstrate career and college readiness in mathematics on a college admissions test at the end of grade 11.

MCA-III Placement Score Ranges for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities**10**

| 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 |
|--|--|--|---|
| College algebra Statistics Other mathematics | MCA-III score below 1152 MCA-III score below 1146 MCA-III score below 1146 | 1152 to 1157 1146 to 1147 1146 to 1149 | 1158 or above 1148 or above 1150 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.

> What does the year to year comparison above represent?

- The table shows results for each year the MCA was given in the subjects applicable to that grade. When no score is available, a description of why is included.
- The four MCA performance levels, also referred to as achievement levels, include Does Not Meet, Partially Meets, Meets, and Exceeds the Standards.
- The performance 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.
- 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.

> What is the Individual Student Report (ISR) about?

- This ISR provides your student's results on the Minnesota statewide assessments taken in the spring of 2025 to measure student learning of 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.

> Who takes these assessments and why?

The Minnesota statewide assessments are taken by all public students in grades 3-8 and 11 in mathematics, in grades 3-8 and 10 in reading, and in grades 5, 8, and once in high school in science.

> How should parents/guardians use these results?

- State test results are a snapshot of student learning from one day, and they are one data point among many that schools use when measuring classroom teaching and learning.
- Teachers use other assessments on a regular basis, such as quizzes, mid-terms, chapter tests, and final exams, to capture how well students are learning concepts taught in the classroom. Teachers look for areas students do well so they can reinforce how those skills are taught, and for areas that need improvement so they can individualize instruction.
- To be an advocate for your student, keep track of their academic progress and communicate regularly with their teachers.

> Where can parents/guardians find more information?

- [MDE Students and Families Statewide Testing page](#) under Assessment Results (education.mn.gov > Students and Families > Programs and Initiatives > Statewide Testing)

> How can I request my student's results in a translated language or an alternative format?

If your home language has been reported to your student's school or district, the QR code on page 1 may include a student results video with translated audio and/or captions. This ISR report format may also be made available in another translated language or an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or as an audio file. Contact MDE 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.

Reading and Mathematics MCA Grades 3–8

8. Performance History (Grades 3–8)—The table shows your student's performance history in reading or mathematics. Note: 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.

Reading and Mathematics MCA High School

9. Career and College Readiness—For reading grade 10 and mathematics grade 11, your student's MCA score is shown in relation to goal scores that are used to determine career and college readiness in reading or mathematics.
10. Using MCA Scores for Course Placement—Minnesota State Colleges and Universities may use high school Reading MCA scores to determine course placement. For more information, please go to [Minnesota State colleges and universities](http://minnstate.edu) (minnstate.edu) or contact your student's school.

All Reading and Mathematics ISRs

11. FAQs and Resources—The second page of all reading and math ISRs includes FAQs and information on where to find additional resources.
12. Contact Information—To request in an alternative format or translated language, please contact the Minnesota Department of Education.