

Time Limitations

Local Testing Time Limitations Minnesota Statute 120B.30 places local testing time limitations on districts.

For students in grades 1 through 6, the cumulative total amount of time spent taking locally adopted district-wide or school-wide assessments must not exceed 10 hours per school year.

For students in grades 7 through 12, the cumulative total amount of time spent taking locally adopted district-wide or school-wide assessments must not exceed 11 hours per school year. Schools and districts determine what constitutes a school-wide or district-wide assessment.

The following assessments or types of assessments are not included in the limitations:

- Statewide assessments like the MCA, MTAS, and ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS
- International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement exams
- Nationally recognized college entrance exams
- Career interest inventories
- NAEP
- Identification for services, such as special education or English learner programs

OLPA is not considered a statewide assessment because it is an optional assessment and does count toward the total testing time limit. Districts should use published estimated testing times to determine the time for each test.

If a district or school plans to exceed the maximum number of hours testing, it should be specified in the World's Best Work Force (WBWF) Plan. The explanation or justification for these assessments should be developed in consultation with the exclusive representative of the district's or school's teachers.

Students who are participating in State-wide assessments (MCA, MTAS, NWEA) are not timed and have as much time as needed to complete the assessment.