MCA Test Information

Soon the middle school will be administering the annual Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA). The following are the MCA testing dates for math, reading and science by grade level.

6th Grade

MCA Reading: April 22-23 MCA Math: April 30-May 1 MTAS Reading: April 8-19 MTAS Math: April 8-19

7th Grade

MCA Reading: April 17-18 MCA Math: April 26 and 29 MTAS Reading: April 8-19 MTAS Math: April 8-19

8th Grade

MCA Reading: April 15-16 MCA Math: April 24-25 MCA Science: May 1-2 MTAS Reading: April 8-19 MTAS Math: April 8-19

Our goal is to have each student work to his/her full potential and to show their personal academic growth. Please review the following information with your child to help prepare him/her for the upcoming tests.

Reminders: (This information has already been shared with your child).

Get a good night's sleep before the test (8-9 hours).

Eat a good (protein rich) breakfast.

Drink plenty of water before & during the testing day.

Bring supplemental reading material to the exam site to be used if your child has finished early.

Test Taking Strategies for your child

Do my best thinking on each question.

Work slowly enough to consider all aspects of each question.

Pace self.

Practice the art of test taking by using the technique of "looking for wrong answers" to narrow down choices.

Complete the test-remember it is untimed.

If unsure about test taking procedures, I won't guess, I'll take time to seek clarification.

Persistently quiet my mind to be able to focus on the test.

Review completed work to look for missed questions or items I may want to change.

<u>And a final reminder</u>: cell phones and smart watches cannot be used or seen during the testing period.

Note: The MCA test is automatically invalidated if cell phone/smart watch is visible during the test. . . this includes the entire testing period--even if the student has completed the test themselves.

To our parent/guardians,

Thank you for supporting and expressing, to your child, you want them to give their best effort. The information obtained from the MCA tests guides us in academic programming, student placement and evaluation of our teaching programs/services offered to the SLP Community.

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