

120B.301 LIMITS ON LOCAL TESTING.

(a) For students in grades 1 through 6, the cumulative total amount of time spent taking locally adopted districtwide or schoolwide assessments must not exceed ten hours per school year. For students in grades 7 through 12, the cumulative total amount of time spent taking locally adopted districtwide or schoolwide assessments must not exceed 11 hours per school year. For purposes of this paragraph, International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement exams are not considered locally adopted assessments.

(b) A district or charter school is exempt from the requirements of paragraph (a), if the district or charter school, in consultation with the exclusive representative of the teachers or other teachers if there is no exclusive representative of the teachers, decides to exceed a time limit in paragraph (a) and includes in the report required under section [120B.11, subdivision 5](#).

[\(c\) A district or charter school, before the first day of each school year, must publish on its Web site a comprehensive calendar of standardized tests to be administered in the district or charter school during that school year. The calendar must provide the rationale for administering each assessment and indicate whether the assessment is a local option or required by state or federal law.](#)

Birch Grove Community School #4145

Testing dates can also be found on the 2016-2017 school calendar.

Fast Bridge testing for K-5:

Fast Bridge testing takes place at the beginning, middle and end of the school year. This testing assesses growth made from beginning to end of year in both the subjects of reading and math. Local testing is required and Birch Grove Community School has made the choice to use Fast Bridge.

Fall Testing Window: September 20, 21, 22 – Reading and Math – .5-1 hour per student

Mid-Year Testing Window: January 11,12,13 – Reading and Math – .5-1 hour per student

End of Year Testing Window: May 2,3,4 – Reading and Math – .5-1 hour per student

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) testing for 3rd-5th grades:

MCA's take place at the end of the school year. Reading and Math are tested. (5th graders are tested in Science on alternate years). MCA testing is required.

April 18, 19, 20 – Reading and Math – 1.5 per subject = 3 hours

Total Testing Time for K-2 grade: 1.5-3 hours for Fast Bridge

Total Testing Time for 3-5th grade: 1.5-3 hours for Fast Bridge and 3 hours for MCA Reading and Math (add 1.5 hours for Science when given)

**Student testing times vary. Some student's may finish a test well before the times listed above. Some students may take longer. Times above are estimated, but the majority of students will finish testing within the times listed above.*