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.

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Testing dates can also be found on the school calendar.

NWEA/MAP testing for K-5:

Local Testing required by law:

NWEA/MAP testing takes place at the beginning, middle and end of the school year for all students. 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 NWEA/MAP testing.

Tentative dates for Fall NWEA/MAP Testing Window: September 17 (Reading), September 18 (Math), September 19 (Make Up) – Reading and Math – 1-2 hour per student

Tentative dates for Mid-Year NWEA/MAP Testing Window: January 14 (Reading), January 15 (Math), January 16 (Make Up), – Reading and Math – 1-2 hours per student

Tentative dates for End of Year NWEA/MAP Testing Window: May 5 (Reading), 6 (Math), 7 (Make Up) – Reading and Math – 1-2 hours per student

Minnesota State MCA (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments) for 3-5th required by law:

This testing happens towards the end of the year and is required by MDE. Third, Fourth and Fifth grade students test in reading and math. 5th graders also test in science.

Tentative dates: May 5 (Reading), May 6 (Math), May 7 (Make Up)

Reading approximately 1-2 hours

Math approximately 1-2 hours

Science for grade 5 approximately 1-2 hours