

Standardized Testing Information  
Fulton Elementary

Testing Dates/Grades:

Grade 3, 4, and 5

**MSA (Maryland School Assessment) & Mod-MSA (Modified Maryland School Assessment)**

Reading: Tuesday and Wednesday, March 13 & 14, 2012

Math: Tuesday and Wednesday, March 20 & 21, 2012

Testing takes approximately 1½ hours each morning.

Testing consists of SRs (selected responses, e.g. multiple choice) and CRs (constructed responses).

Testing is completed on paper, in booklets. Each student receives one booklet for reading and one booklet for mathematics.

Some students take a modified MSA or MOD-MSA. This is for special education students only, and may be on computer or on paper given between March 12 and 27, 2012.

Grade 5 only:

**MSA Science**

Two days per class during the window of April 16- May 4, 2012.

Testing takes approximately 1½ hours each morning. (Some classes may finish after noon, as we usually do two shifts each day per lab.)

This testing is completed on computers. It is a web-based program. Students take the test in a computer lab. Test items are SRs and CRs.

Grade 2 only:

**SAT 10 (Stanford Achievement Test, version 10)**

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 23, 24, & 25, 2012

Testing takes about an hour each day in the morning. It is completed on paper, in booklets. All questions are selected response. There's no student writing.

ELL (English Language Learners) only:

**ACCESS for ELLs**

Students are tested individually and in small groups by our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) teacher. Testing takes place during the window of February 6 – March 23, 2012. All ELL students in grades kindergarten through grade 5 will be tested on listening, speaking, reading, and writing. This will be a new test to Howard County this year.

As a school, we are mandated to have all students participate in standardized testing. Attendance and punctuality are very important! Students may not enter in the middle of a test session if they arrive late to school. Please do not schedule appointments or vacations during students' test windows.

We provide bathroom and drink breaks, as well as snacks each day of testing. (Parents send in snacks for the whole class at teachers' requests.)

It is most helpful if students' parents do the following prior to/during standardized testing:

- ⇒ Make sure students have plenty of rest the night before.
- ⇒ Provide a good (hearty) breakfast that includes protein.
- ⇒ Get all students to school on time.
- ⇒ If a student has to be absent due to illness during testing, please call school in the morning before school starts to let Ms. Nickles know.

There is a state website which includes information on the MSA for parents and ideas for how to help at home, as well as some "released" tasks. That link is:

[http://mdk12.org/assessments/k\\_8/index\\_c.html](http://mdk12.org/assessments/k_8/index_c.html)