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It's testing time, once again, at schools throughout Minnesota.

To help educators and students prepare, the Pioneer Press' Newspapers In Education program is proud to provide "It's Testing Time!" study guide materials — this year delivered online, for the first time.

Included are practice tests for the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments — organized by grade level in a convenient ready-to-print format — in reading for grades 3-8 and 10 and in mathematics for grades 3-8 and 11. New this year is an additional study guide to help high school students prepare for required graduation tests in reading and math.

We're pleased that the Pioneer Press' Newspapers In Education program can continue to make this important commitment to teachers and students in the communities we serve. We hope that practice with the study guide materials will help increase students' confidence on test day and, ultimately, help them do better. In providing this unique public service, we're honored to partner with teachers and parents in supporting our students' success.

As you prepare, we thank you for visiting www.ppnie.com, the online home for Pioneer Press NIE resources. We hope you'll be back for program information, homework help, a weekly local news quiz and more — along with information about our electronic edition distributed to classrooms throughout Minnesota. For home delivery information, visit TwinCities.com.

We wish you success with this year's tests.

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"It's Testing Time!" provides sample tests for students in grade 3 through 8, 10, and 11. Although this study guide was designed with these grades in mind, the sample tests can also be used by students at other levels to help them become familiar with the format of the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments II and the Graduation-Required Assessment for Diploma (GRAD).

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