

## **SD DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (SDDOE) REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS:**

**\*\*More information on state required assessments can be found at this website:**

**<http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment> \*\***

### **South Dakota ELA (English Language Assessment) & Math Assessment**

Grades: 3-8 & 11      Test Window: March 23-May 7 2021

Estimated Testing Time in Hours: Grades 3-5: 6:00, Grades 6-8: 6:30, Grade 11: 7:30.

Results: Sent home with final report cards at the end of the year.

Description: With new state standards, students are working harder, thinking more critically, and applying their learning to the real world. To measure these new standards, educators from states using Smarter Balanced tests have worked together to develop new, high-quality tests in English and Math for grades 3-8 & high school. More info: <https://sd.portal.cambiumast.com/users/students-and-families/>

### **South Dakota ELA (English Language Arts) & Math Alternate Assessment Grades: 3-8 & 11**

Test Window: March 15-April 30 2021

Estimated Testing Time: Dependent on the student. The student can have as many breaks and testing sessions as needed during the test window.

Results: Sent home at the beginning of the following school year as soon as the SD Department of Education makes them available to the school district.

Description: This assessment replaces the Smarter Balanced Assessment and is available for students who have met the significant cognitive disability criteria. These students are working with the Core Content Connectors and their IEP's indicate alternate assessment for statewide testing.

<https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/alternate.aspx>

### **South Dakota Science Assessment (SDSA)**

Grades: 5, 8 & 11      Test Window: March 8-May 7 2021

Estimated Testing Time in Hours: 1.8-2.3

Results: Sent home first semester of the following school year as soon as the SD Department of Education makes them available to the school district.

Description: The South Dakota Science Assessment measures the students' mastery of the South Dakota State Academic Standards in Science, adopted in May 2015. This test will cover the grade spans of 3-5, 6-8 and high school. Questions will come from life, physical and earth sciences at all three tested levels. More info: <https://sd.portal.cambiumast.com/users/students-and-families/>

### **South Dakota Science Assessment Alternative (SDSA-Alt)**

Grades: 5,8 & 11      Test Window: March 8-May 7 2021

Estimated Testing Time: Dependent on the student. The student can have as many breaks and testing sessions as needed during the test window.

Results: Sent home first semester of the following school year as soon as the SD Department of Education makes them available to the district.

Description: This Science assessment replaces the SD Science Assessment and is available for students who have met the significant cognitive disability criteria. These students are working with the Core Content Connectors and their IEP's indicate alternate assessment for statewide testing.

More Info.: <https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/alternate.aspx>

**Home School Testing (State provides SAT 10 Abbreviated Edition): Reading & Math**

Grades: 4, 8 & 11

Test Window: March 22-April 16 2021

South Dakota students who receive alternative instruction are required to take a nationally standardized achievement test in Mathematics and Reading. The SD Department of Education provides, free of charge, a norm-references test to children who receive alternate instruction. If parents/guardians use a different test than the one provided by the state, it must be a nationally standardized achievement test. These different tests will be at the expense of the parent/guardian and results need to be shared with the school district. Results are sent at the beginning of the following school year as soon as the district receives them.

**National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)**

Grades: Depends on the year. Possible grades: 4, 8, & 12. **Spring 2019: Grades 4 & 8.**

Test Window: January 28-March 8, 2019

**State postponed to Spring 2022**

Estimated Testing Time: One hour, twenty minutes

Results: No individual results are received. National and state results are reported to the public.

Description: NAEP is often called the “Nation’s Report Card”. This assessment is the only nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America’s students know and can do in various subjects. Its two major goals are to measure student achievement and to report change in student performance over time. The NAEP is given to a sampling of students across the nation. The results of the NAEP are given for the entire nation and for individual states. NAEP is given to many South Dakota students in reading and mathematics every two years.

**WIDA Screener Online**

Possible Grades: 1st through 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Test Window: Ongoing

Estimated test time: Individualized

Test Window: Individualized

Description: The WIDA Screener Online helps to identify students in grades 1-12 whether they are English Language Learners (ELLs). It assesses each of the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

**Access for ELLs 2.0**

Possible Grades: Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who have been identified as English Language Learners (ELLs).

Test Window: Annual

Estimated Testing Time: Individualized

Results: Are given within two weeks of when the district receives them.

Description: It is given annually to monitor students’ progress in learning academic English. This assessment accesses the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

## **ASSESSMENTS USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR BENCHMARK AND PROGRESS MONITORING**

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<https://www.renaissance.com/2016/09>

#### **Dibels Reading:**

Grades: K-2

Test Windows/Times: Fall/Winter/Spring. It is given three Estimated Testing Time: 20 minutes

Results: Results are sent home

Description: Dibels are individual administered measures of student skills in each of the key basic early literacy skills. The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) are a set of procedures and measures assessing the acquisition of early literacy skills from kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### **Star Math and Star Reading:**

Grades: 2-12 Test Windows/Times: Fall/Winter/Spring It is given three times a year.

Estimated Testing Time Each Session: 35 minutes

Results: Results are sent home

Description: Star assessments are short tests that provide teachers with learning data. Star tests are computer adaptive, which means they adjust to each answer your child provides. This helps teachers get the best data to help your child in the shortest amount of testing time. Teachers analyze the data they get from the Star Assessments to learn what students already know and what they are ready to learn next, to monitor student growth, and to determine which students may need additional help. By pinpointing exactly what your child knows, teachers can personalize your child's practice to keep them growing. For more information about the Star assessment go to the following website:

[/09/parents](#)

#### **Smarter Balanced Interim Block Assessments:**

Grades: 3-8 & 11

Test Window: Approximately October through Mid-March. Students can take each Interim Block Assessment up to two times in a school year.

Estimated Testing Time Each Session: Varies depending on the specific Interim Block Assessment. Thirty minutes to 50 minutes. Sessions aren't timed.

Results: Teachers use the results of these smaller block assessment to assess where are students are at in learning the standards in ELA and MATH. Interim assessments are not intended for public use, display or distribution.

Description: The Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) are assessments teachers can use throughout the school year to assess more focused sets of related concepts in mathematics and English language arts/literacy (ELA).

## **HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS**

### **SDMylife Career Interest Assessment:**

Grade: 6-11

Test Window: Various times throughout the school year. The test is given as part of career guidance in grades six through eight and in career sessions in grades 9-11.

Estimated test time: Twenty minutes

Results: Results are given to students immediately after the assessment and are available to parents via the students SDMyLife account.

Description: This assessment matches students' interests with career areas. Students view results and possible careers that match their interests.

### **SDMYLIFE Ability Profiler:**

Grade: 10

Test Window: November (NOTE: The 2018-2019 school year's tenth graders will not take the assessment till fall of their eleventh grade year due to the new state SDMyLife not yet having the Ability Profiler.)

Estimated Test Time: Two hours

Results: Results are given to students within a week of the test and are available to parents via the students SDMyLife account.

Description: This assessment consists of six timed sections designed to evaluate the student's level of ability in key areas: Arithmetic Reasoning, Verbal Ability, Spatial Ability, Computation, and Clerical Perception. Students use this information to aid them in their career research.

### **National Career Readiness Assessment (NCRC)**

Grade: 11

Test Window: September of each school year

Estimated testing time: Three hours

Results: Are given to students as soon as they arrive from the SD Department of Labor.

Description: The NCRC is an industry-recognized, portable credential certifying essential skills needed for workplace success. To earn certification, students must attain at least the lowest certification level on the three ACT WorkKeys assessments: Applied Math, Workplace Documents, and Graphic Literacy. These results are also used as part of the school district's accountability report card.

### **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)**

Grade: 11

Test Window: Given November of every school year

Estimate testing time: Three hours

Results: Are given to students one to two weeks after they arrive

Description: The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. Interpretation of results includes completing an interest inventory and relating interests and aptitudes to possible career areas and occupations. For more information, go to: to [www.March2success.com](http://www.March2success.com)

### **American College Test (ACT)**

Grade: 11/12 (Optional Assessment)

Test Window: Various national test dates throughout the school year. Students typically take this assessment sometime during their junior year and retake (if desired) their senior year. Gettysburg is a test site for the April test date each year. **APRIL 2021 TEST DATE: April 17<sup>th</sup> (We are a test site this date)**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** March 12<sup>th</sup> **LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** March 26

Estimated testing time: Three hours and thirty-five minutes. Add forty minutes if the student takes the optional writing assessment. The ACT is administered on Saturdays.

Results: Students receive results directly from ACT. The school receives a paper copy of the results as soon as ACT sends them.

Description: The ACT test is the nation's most popular college entrance exam accepted and valued by all universities and colleges in the United States. The test is based on what students learn in high school and provides personalized information about their strengths and areas of need for education and career planning. For more information and to register, students go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

### **Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)**

Grade: 11 (Optional Assessment)

Test Window: Given October each school year

Estimated testing time: Two hours, 45 minutes

Results: Students are given results within two weeks of when the district receives them

Description: The PSAT is designed to measure the ability to understand and process elements of reading, writing and mathematics. It helps students prepare for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT ) college entrance exam.

### **PRE-ACT**

Grade: 10 (Optional Assessment)

Test Window: Given October each school year

Estimated testing time: Two hours and fifty-five minutes. (Three hours and thirty minutes if the student takes optional writing assessment)

Results: Students receive results within two weeks of when the district receives them.

Description: The Pre-ACT empowers 10<sup>th</sup> grade students with a unique ACT test practice experience. Scores provide valuable insights into students' predicted performance on the ACT and help inform important high school course decisions. Pre-ACT reporting includes both academic and career indicators, which are designed to identify strengths and areas of improvement, providing a complete view of students' college and career readiness.

### **SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT)**

Grade: 11/12 (Optional Assessment)

Test Window: Various national test dates throughout the school year. Students usually take this assessment in the spring of their junior year at various test sites across the state.

Estimated testing time: Three hours (additional 50 minutes of the student takes the optional writing section)

Results: Students receive results directly from the College Board. The school receives the results as soon as the College Board sends them.

Description: The SAT is a college entrance exam. It is designed to measure the student's ability to understand and process elements in three subjects: reading, writing and math. SAT scores are calculated based on a student's performance relative to other test takers.