

ELA and Math Assessment (SBAC) Grades 3-8 and 11; March 1-May 5, 2023

The South Dakota Math and English Language Arts (ELA) Assessments are administered to students in grades 3-8 and 11. They measure student knowledge mastery/understanding/ of state content standards in math and ELA. The assessment system includes both summative and interim assessments. The summative assessment is administered every spring to all students in tested grades, while the interim assessments are optional for districts to use. The assessments use computer adaptive testing technologies to provide meaningful feedback and actionable data that teachers can use to help students succeed. Results will be sent home in June. For more information, go to:

<https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/SD-assessments.aspx>

ELA and Math Alt Assessment (MSAA) Grades 3-8 and 11; March 13-April 28, 2023

Alternate Assessment 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. Results will be sent out in the fall.

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

Science and Science Alt (South Dakota Science Assessment) Grades 5, 8, & 11; March 1-May 5, 2023

The South Dakota Science tests measure students' mastery of the South Dakota State Academic Standards in Science adopted in May 2015 at grades 5, 8, and 11. This test will cover the grade spans of 3-5, 6-8, and high school. Questions will come equally as possible from life, physical, and earth sciences at all 3 tested levels. This assessment will be completely online. Results will be sent out in the fall.

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

PreACT 8/9 and PreACT Grades 9 & 10; March 1-May 5, 2023

PreACT® assessments offer our 9th & 10th graders an early experience with ACT test items, provides a predicted ACT test score, and offers a wealth of information to help students get the start they need to be college ready. The PreACT assessments help educators, students, and parents, identify areas of academic strength and opportunity. This assessment is given to the 9th & 10th graders during the testing window in the spring.

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/preact.html>

ACT – Grades 11 & 12

The ACT is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in English, Math, Reading, and Science. The ACT test is the leading US college admissions test that measures what students learn in high school to determine their academic readiness for college.

The ACT is not a required assessment. It is not administered during school hours. Students must register for it and there is a fee to take the exam. Results are available online within 2 weeks after the test date. Students must log in through their student web account with ACT to see scores.

<http://www.act.org/>

NWEA

MAP Growth is an assessment for measuring achievement and growth in K–12 math, reading, language usage, and science. It provides teachers with accurate, actionable evidence to help inform instructional strategies regardless of how far students are above or below grade level. It also connects to the largest set of instructional content providers, giving educators flexibility in curriculum choices. The assessment is given three times per school year to help teachers track the academic progress and growth of their students.

<https://www.nwea.org/map-growth/>

NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) Grades 4 & 8; Administered when selected.

NAEP, often called “The Nation’s Report Card”, 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. Results are also given for specific groups of students, e.g. gender, racial and ethnic groups, and National School Lunch Program eligibility. Results are not available for schools or individual students. NAEP is given to many South Dakota students in reading and mathematics at grades 4, 8, and 12 every two years. National and state results are reported to the public.

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

ACCESS for ELLs (English Language Learners) Grades K-12 January 27- February 28, 2020

Access for ELLs 2.0 is a secure large-scale English language proficiency assessment administered to K-12 students who have been identified as English Language Learners (ELLs). It is given annually in order to monitor students’ progress in acquiring academic English. ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is aligned with the WIDA English Language Development Standards and assesses each of the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. The assessment is available in both paper-based and online formats for grades 1-12, while Kindergarten and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs are paper-based tests.

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

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Grade 11; Fall Assessment

The ASVAB is given to High School Juniors. Seniors can take it if they missed it their junior year or want to retake in order to improve their score. It is given during school hours and scheduled through ASVAB typically in the fall. It is not required.

ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually to more than one million military applicants, high school, and post-secondary students. The assessment is given by a Proctor from the military and the National Guard will explain results to students usually within a month following the assessment.

NCRC (National Career Readiness Certificate) Grade 12; Fall Assessment

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 three ACT WorkKeys assessments: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. This vital initiative is part of the Department of Education’s goal to ensure that, “All students graduate college, career, and life ready.”

The assessment is scheduled during the fall of each year. Scores are sent to the school and distributed to students.

https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/ncrc/default.aspx