**Assessment Guide**

**Belle Fourche School District**

**School Year 2020-2021**

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| **Name of Assessment** | **Subject Matter Assessed** | **Grades Administered** | **Purpose for how it is designed and used** | **Source of Requirement** | **Approximate Time Spent/**  **When Administered** | **Dates Administered** | **Reporting Results** |
| South Dakota English Language Arts Assessment  South Dakota Math Assessment | English Language Arts  Mathematics | 3-8, and 11 | The Smarter Dakota ELA and Math Assessment is designed to align to the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics. This set of computer adaptive assessments provides information about how students are performing in order to best support them moving forward. | State | 7-8 Hours spent  during the window March 8-May 7, 2021 | Testing Window is from March 8-May 7, 2021  11th Grade: TBD  6th/8th Grade: TBD  5th/7th Grade: TBD  3rd/4th Grade: TBD | Individual Student reports sent home prior to the end of the current school year. |
| South Dakota Science Assessment  (SDSA) | Science | 5,8,11 | The South Dakota Science Assessment (SDSA) is designed to align to the South Dakota Science Standards. This set of computer delivered assessments provides information about how students are performing in order to best support them moving forward. | State | 3 Hours spent  during the window March 8-May 7, 2021 | Testing Window is from  March 8 -May 7, 2021  5th & 8th Grade: TBD  11th Grade: TBD | Results available the following fall. |
| South Dakota Science Alternate Assessment | Science | 5,8,11 | The Science Alternate Training is available for students who have a significant cognitive disability and are working in the Extended Content and Alternate Academic Achievement Descriptors, and whose IEP's indicate alternate assessment for statewide testing. | State | 3-6 Hours  during the window March 8-May 7, 2021 | Testing Window is from  March 8 -May 7, 2021 | Results available the following fall |
| National Assessment of Educational Progress  (NAEP) | Reading  Math | 4,8,12  If Selected | **The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)** is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in reading and mathematics. | National | 2 Hours  Winter | TBD Jan-Feb. 2021 | Nation’s Report Card  <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/> |
| WIDA Screener | Language | 1-12  Students who qualify for ELL Services | The WIDA Screener is an English language proficiency assessment given to incoming students in Grades 1-12 to assist educators with the identification of students as English learners (EL). The purpose of this assessment is to help educators make decisions about whether a student is deemed eligible for EL services. | State | 1 school day | Within 30 days of enrollment | Immediate results after administrator scores items. Families are notified immediately if ELL services can be provided. |
| Assessing Comprehensions and Communication in English State-to-State  (ACCESS) and ACCESS Alt. | Speaking  Reading  Writing  Listening | All ELL students K-12 | ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is a secure large-scale English language proficiency assessment administered to Kindergarten through 12th grade students who have been identified as English language learners (ELLs). It is given annually in WIDA Consortium member states to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English. | National | 2 school days during the window:  Jan 25-Feb 26, 2021 | Testing Window is from  January 25, 2021-  February 26, 2021 | Reports available in May. Letter are sent to parents |
| Multi-State Alternate Assessment  (MSAA) | Reading  Math | 3-8, and 11  For students with the most severe cognitive disabilities | South Dakota’s  Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) is designed to assess skills in English Language Arts and Mathematics for student with significant cognitive disabilities in grades 3 through 8 and 11. | State | 3- 6 Hours  Mar 15-Apr 30, 2021 | Testing Window is from  March 15-April 30, 2021 | Reports sent home in July/August following spring administration |
| National Career Readiness Certification  (NCRC) | Applied Mathematics  Locating Information  Reading for Information | 11 or 12 | The National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) test assessment is used in over 40 states to verify the employment skill level of job applicants. As an assessment of employable skills in three key skill areas, the NCRC has been issued to more than 2.3 million job applicants. The NCRC Certificate is a fully accepted credential of employment skills achievement, honored in most states. | Optional,  National | 3 Hours  Fall 2020  TBD | Fall 2020  TBD | Refer to High School Counselor |
| American College Testing  (ACT) | Reading  Math  Science | 10, 11,12 | 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 ACT is based on what students learn in high school and provides personalized information about their strengths for education and career planning. Find everything you need to know about registration, test prep, scores and more. | Optional,  National | 4 Hours  Oct 10, 17, 24, 25  Dec 12, 2020  February 6, 2021  April 17, 2021  June 12, 2021  July 17, 2021 | Students register for test sessions.  Oct 10, 17, 24, 25, 2020  Dec 12, 2020  February 6, 2021  April 17, 2021  June 12, 2021  July 17, 2021 | Refer to High School Counselor |
| Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery  (ASVAB) | General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Mathematics Knowledge, Electronics Information, Auto Information, Shop Information, Mechanical Comprehension, Assembling Objects | 11,12 | The 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. | Optional, National | Approx. 2.5 Hours  October 29, 2020 | Scheduled through the High School Counselor’s Office  October 29, 2020 | Refer to High School Counselor |
| Scholastic Assessment Test  (SAT) | Writing, Critical Reading, Mathematics | 11,12 | The SAT is a standardized test widely used for college admissions in the United States. | Optional, National | 3 Hours  TBD | Scheduled through the High School Counselor’s office  TBD | Refer to High School Counselor |
| Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test  (PSAT) | Verbal Reasoning  Math Reasoning | 11 | PSAT/NMSQT stands for Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. It is a kind of rehearsal for students who plan to take the SAT, which is the test most colleges require for admission. It is also used to select students seeking National Merit Scholarships which are awarded spring term of the senior year and to choose students for the National Assistance Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students. | Optional, National | 2 hours  October 14, 2020 | October 14, 2020 | Refer to High School Counselor. |
| Northwest Evaluation Association: Measures of Academic Progress  (NWEA MAP) | Reading  Math  Science ( 5-8) | K-10 | **MAP® Growth™ measures what students know and informs what they’re ready to learn next.** By dynamically adjusting to each student’s performance, MAP Growth creates a personalized assessment experience that accurately measures performance—whether a student performs on, above, or below grade level. | District | 4 Hours Total  Fall, Spring, optional in Winter | Fall Testing Window:  September 2020  Winter Testing Window:  Dec. 2020-January 2021  Spring Testing Window:  May 2021 | Fall Scores are reported to parents at fall conferences.  Spring Results are shared at the end of the school year. |
| Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills  (DIBELS) | Reading | K, 1st, 2nd | **DIBELS** are comprised of seven **measures** to function as indicators of phonemic awareness, alphabetic principle, accuracy and fluency with connected text, reading comprehension, and vocabulary | District | To be determined based on student progress | Fall - All Kindergarten through 2nd grade students tested.  Based on results, teachers determine remaining test dates | Results shared with parents at conferences or as teacher deems necessary. |
| Developmental Reading Assessment  (DRA) | Reading | 1st, 2nd, 3rd | The Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) is a standardized reading test used to determine a student’s instructional level in reading. The DRA is administered individually to students by teachers and/or reading specialists. Students read a selection (or selections) and then retell what they have read to the examiner. As the levels increase, so does the difficulty level for each selection. | District | Various depending on student readiness | Fall, Winter, Spring, and as need is determined by teacher | Results shared with parents at conferences or as teacher deems necessary. |