

Assessment  
Transparency Guide  
School Year 2024-25

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 (approximate)	Reporting Results
<a href="#">Smarter Balanced Assessment</a>	Mathematics, ELA	3-8, 11	State required summative assessment measuring English Language Arts and Math achievement.	SD DOE	Estimated testing time: ELA 3-4 hours Math 2-4 hours	March 24 — May 2, 2025	Mailed to parents in the spring.
<a href="#">South Dakota ELA &amp; Math Alternate Assessments</a>	Mathematics, ELA	3-8, 11	State required summative assessment measuring English Language Arts and Math achievement for students with most severe cognitive disabilities	SD DOE	Testing times vary greatly between testing participants.	March 10 — April 25, 2025	Mailed to parents once available.
<a href="#">South Dakota Science Assessment</a>	Science	5, 8, 11	State required summative assessment measuring science achievement.	SD DOE	Estimated testing time: 1.5-3 hours	March 24 — May 2, 2025	Mailed to parents once available.
<a href="#">South Dakota Science Alternative Assessment</a>	Science	5, 8, 11	State required summative assessment measuring science Achievement for students with most severe cognitive disabilities.	SD DOE	Testing times vary greatly between testing participants.	March 24 — May 2, 2025	Mailed to parents once available.
<a href="#">National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)</a>	Reading, Math, (every other year – chosen by random)	4, 8 & 12	NAEP was first administered in 1969 to measure student achievement nationally. In 1990, NAEP was administered at the state level for the first time. Students in grades 4 and 8 are currently assessed at the national and state levels in mathematics and reading every two years and in other subjects periodically.	SD DOE	Testing times vary greatly between testing participants.	n/a	Data only reported at state level. No individual student data collected.
<a href="#">WIDA EL Screening Assessments</a>	Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening	K-12	When identified students enter the district to determine eligibility for English Language (EL) services	SD DOE	Estimated testing time: 1.5 hours	Upon arrival to district	Mailed to parents with letter regarding eligibility for services
<a href="#">ACCESS &amp; ACCESS Alternative (for EL students)</a>	English Language Proficiency	K-12	Used to assess English Language Proficiency and continued eligibility for English Language (EL) services	SD DOE	Testing times vary greatly between testing participants.	Jan. 21 - Feb. 21, 2025	Mailed to parents
<a href="#">NCRC</a>	Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, Reading for Information	12	National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) program is an industry-recognized, portable credential certifying essential skills needed for workplace success	District Requirement	Estimated testing time: 3 hours	January 15, 2025	Given to students once results are received.
<a href="#">STAR</a>	Math, Reading	K-6	STAR reading assesses reading comprehension and related skills. STAR Math tracks development in four domains: Numbers and Operations, Algebra, Geometry and Measurement, Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability.	District Requirement	Estimate testing time: 20 minutes per test; 3x/year.	Fall, Winter, Spring. One exam in each subject (math/reading) per benchmark period.	Shared at parent/teacher conferences
<a href="#">AIMSweb Plus</a>	Math, Reading	K-9	AimswEBPlus® is an assessment, data management, and reporting system that provides national and local performance and growth norms for the screening and progress monitoring of math and reading.	District Requirement	Estimate testing time: 15 minutes per test; 3x/year.	Fall, Winter, Spring. One exam in each subject (math/reading) per benchmark period.	Shared at parent/teacher conferences

<a href="#">Pre-ACT</a>	English, Reading, Math & Science	10	Provides a unique ACT® test practice experience. Scores predict performance on the ACT and help inform important high school course decisions with academic and career indicators that identify strengths and areas for improvement students' college and career readiness. Cost: None	District Requirement	Estimated testing time: 4 hours	January 22, 2025	Results will be discussed with students once results have been received & mailed home afterward.
<a href="#">ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)</a>	Military Aptitude	11	Qualification assessment for enlistment in the military as well as various civilian career aptitude & interest information.	District Requirement	Estimated testing time: 3 hours	September 4, 2024	Results will be discussed with students once results have been received & mailed home afterward.
<a href="#">ACT</a>	Subject Based	10*, 11 & 12	Four multiple-choice tests—English, mathematics, reading, and science to measure skills for success in postsecondary education. Cost: \$50.50*	Optional	Estimated testing time: 5 hours	October 16, 2024 & March 12, 2025	Results will be discussed with students once results have been received and available via MyACT
<a href="#">Advanced Placement Testing (AP)</a>	Subject Based	12	College-level exams on specific subjects administered in May upon the completion of an AP course taken at a student's high school Cost: \$98* per exam	Optional	Estimated testing time: 4 hours	May 2025 Date varies by subject	Results received in summer via AP website.

Dates Administered will be updated and listed on the District Calendar once they are available.

All testing prices listed subject to change