

Testing Information

South Dakota State Assessments

The goal of the South Dakota Department of Education is that all high school students graduate college, career, and life ready. To this aim, the South Dakota assessment system is designed to provide districts, schools, and parents with the information they need to ensure that their students remain on track to reach this goal. South Dakota public school students participate in annual summative testing in English language arts and mathematics and the results of these tests are included in the state accountability system. In addition to annual tests in English language arts and mathematics, South Dakota requires assessment of science and writing annually and provides schools and teachers with resources to utilize other assessments to help identify strengths and areas for improvement.

SD DOE Testing Dates for 2018-19 school year

NAEP – National Assessment of Educational Progress

(Approximately 2-3 hours)

January 28, 2019-March 8, 2019

ACCESS and ACCESS Alt (for EL students)

(Variable Testing Time)

ACCESS 2.0: January 28 – February 28, 2019

ACCESS Alt: January 28 – February 28, 2019

Smarter Balanced (ELA and Math Assessment) (Approximately 2-4 hours)

Grades 3-8 and 11 : March 6 - May 3, 2019

MSAA (Alternate ELA and Math Assessment)

(Variable Testing Time)

March 18 - May 3, 2019

South Dakota Science and South Dakota Science Alt

(Approximately 2-3 hours)

April 1 – May 3, 2019

Home School Testing

March 25 – April 19, 2019

NCRC

Grade 11, schools work with CTE and Dept. of Labor to schedule

DIBELS Reading and Math Benchmark Testing Dates

Beginning - Aug. 20- Sept. 14

Middle-Dec. 3-Dec. 20

End - May 1-May 14

We also Progress Monitor DIBELS Reading at least once per month throughout the school year.

A copy of results will be provided by:

ACCESS: May

Smarter Balanced: May 18, 2019

MSAA: September

SDSA: June