

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 2020-2021 school year

ASVAB – All Juniors on September 24th, 2020 8:45am

NAEP – National Assessment of Educational Progress

(Approximately 2-3 hours) Participation determined by the NAEP Program

January 25-March 19, 2021 (For 2020-2021 Corsica-Stickney is not participating in the exam.)

ACCESS and ACCESS Alt (for EL students)

(Variable Testing Time)

ACCESS 2.0: Jan. 25 -Feb. 26, 2021

ACCESS Alt: Jan. 25 -Feb. 26, 2021

South Dakota ELA and Math Assessment

(Approximately 2-4 hours)

Grades 3-8 and 11: March 8 – May 7, 2021

MSAA (Alternate ELA and Math Assessment)

(Variable Testing Time)

March 15 – April 30, 2021

South Dakota Science and South Dakota Science Alt

(Approximately 2-3 hours)

March 8 – May 7, 2021

NCRC All Grade 11 & 12 (20-21 School year only due to Covid): October 20, 2020

Home School Testing

March 22-April 16, 2021 (state provided assessment)

Order State Provided Exam: March – Mid-April

Grades 4, 8, and 11: Test Completed and Results Mailed: Approximately May 1st

A copy of your students testing results will be provided to you approximately:

ACCESS: May 2021

SD ELA/Math: Late May 2021

MSAA: September 2021

SD Science: June/July 2021

NCRC: April 2021