

2020-2021 Testing Dates

ACCESS and ACCESS Alt

ACCESS 2.0: January 25th – February 26th 2021

- State required assessment to measure English language proficiency for students identified as ELL (Estimated test time = 3 hours)

ELA, Math, and Science (Science Alt) Assessment

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

- State required summative assessment measuring ELA and math achievement (Estimated test time = 2 to 4 hours per test)
- The South Dakota Science tests measures 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. (Estimated test time = 2 hours)
- Results will be sent out as soon as the DOE makes them available to us.

MSAA (Alternate ELA and Math Assessment)

March 15th – April 30th 2021

- State-required alternate assessment is available for students who have met the significant cognitive disability criteria. These students IEP's indicate alternate assessment for statewide testing. (Estimated test time = 2.5 hours)
- Results will be sent home at the beginning of the following school year.

South Dakota Science and South Dakota Science Alt

April 1 – May 1, 2020

- The South Dakota Science tests measures 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. (Estimated test time = 2 hours)

- Results will be sent out as soon as the DOE makes them available to us.

Home School Testing

March 22nd – April 16, 2021

- South Dakota students who receive alternative instruction are required to take a nationally standardized achievement test in Mathematics and Reading at grades, 4, 8 and 11. The South Dakota Department of Education provides, free of charge, a norm-referenced test to children who receive alternative instruction. If parents/guardians use a different test than the one provided by the state, it must be a nationally standardized achievement test. These different tests will be at the expense of the parent/guardian and results need to be shared with the school district.
- Please contact the school if you have a student in grades 4, 8 and 11 to get testing materials.
- Results will be sent out in the fall

NCRC

October 30th, 2019 & February 5th, 2020 (11th grade students take once)

- The NCRC is a 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."
- DLR staff will assist in assessing the students on-site at local schools, this is a computer based test. (Estimated time = 2.75 hours)