

Spearfish School District Assessment Dates 2023-2024

Test	Grade	Test Window & Dates
ACCESS 2.0 Screener	All grades	Within 30 days of student enrollment
ACCESS 2.0	All ELL Students Grades K-12	January 22 - February 24
South Dakota Assessments (ELA, Math & Science)	ELA & Math: Grades 3-8, & 11 Science: Grades 5, 8, & 11	Window: March 25-May 3 Grades 3-5: Monday, April 22 - Friday, April 26 Grades 6-8: Monday, April 16 - Thursday, April 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th Grade: April 16th & 17th • 7th Grade: April 17th & 18th • 8th Grade: April 23rd, 24th, & 25th Grade 11: Monday, April 17 & Tuesday, April 18
ELA & Math Alternate (MSAA)	Grades 3-8, & 11	Window: March 11 - April 26
Acadience Reading	Grades K-5	Fall: Monday, August 28 - Friday, September 8 Winter: Monday, January 8 - Friday, January 19 Spring: Monday, May 6 - Friday, May 17
NWEA - Map Growth	Grades K-9 <i>*9th graders will not participate in the winter testing session</i>	Fall: Tuesday, September 5 - Wednesday, September 20 Winter: Tuesday, January 16 - Friday, January 26 Spring: Wednesday, May 1 - Friday, May 17
NCRC	Seniors	November 15, 2023
PreACT	Sophomores	April 18, 2024
NAEP (Math & Reading)	Grades 4 & 8	Grade 4: February 8 Grade 8: February 9

Spearfish School District Assessments

Acadience Reading

Acadience Reading is an assessment used to measure the acquisition of early literacy skills. Acadience is comprised of six measures that function as indicators of the essential skills that every child must master to become a proficient reader. Acadience measures are brief (most take one minute to administer), and

are used to regularly monitor the development of early literacy and early reading skills. Acadience was designed for use in identifying children experiencing difficulty in the acquisition of basic early literacy skills, in order to provide support early and prevent the occurrence of later reading difficulties.

NWEA Map Growth (ELA and Math)

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. Timely, easy-to-use reports help teachers teach, students learn, and administrators lead. MAP Growth tests begin with a question appropriate for the student's grade level, then dynamically adapt throughout the test in response to student performance. This progressive refinement allows MAP Growth to challenge top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are below grade level.

South Dakota English Language Arts and Math Assessments

The South Dakota Math and English Language Arts (ELA) Assessments are administered to students in grades 3-8 and 11. They measure student knowledge mastery/understanding/ of state content standards in math and ELA. The assessment system includes both summative and interim assessments. The summative assessment is administered every spring to all students in tested grades, while the interim assessments are optional for districts to use. The assessments use computer adaptive testing technologies to provide meaningful feedback and actionable data that teachers can use to help students succeed.

<https://doe.sd.gov/assessment/SD-assessments.aspx>

South Dakota Science Assessment

The South Dakota Science tests measure 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.

<https://doe.sd.gov/assessment/Science.aspx>

South Dakota Science Alternate Assessment

The SDSA-Alt is available for students who have a significant cognitive disability. These students are working with the Core Content Connectors and their IEP's indicate alternate assessment for statewide testing.

ACCESS for ELLs

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0® stands for Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners. This large-scale test addresses the academic English language proficiency (ELP) standards at the core of the WIDA Consortium's approach to instructing and evaluating the progress of English learners. ACCESS for ELLs is taken annually by identified English learners to measure their English proficiency. The South Dakota Department of Education requires ELs in Grades 1-12 be administered the online version except in cases where online testing is not allowed.

MSAA (South Dakota Alternate Assessment)

Alternate Assessment is available for students who have met the significant cognitive disability criteria. These students are working with the Core Content Connectors and their IEP's indicate alternate assessment for statewide testing.

PreACT

PreACT simulates the ACT testing experience within a shorter test window on all four ACT test subjects: English, math, reading and science. Results predict future success on the ACT test, and provide both current achievement and projected future ACT test scores on the familiar 1-36 ACT score scale.

NCRC (National Career Readiness Certificate)

The ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (ACT WorkKeys NCRC®) is an assessment-based credential issued at four levels. The NCRC measures and certifies the essential work skills needed for success in jobs across industries and occupations.

National Association of Education Progress (NAEP)

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