

DOE (Department of Education) required assessments:

Smarter Balanced (ELA and Math Assessment) Grades 3-8 and 11. Testing window March 6-May 3, 2018

With new state standards, students are working harder, thinking more critically, and applying their learning to the real world. To measure these new standards, educators from states using Smarter tests have worked together to develop new, high-quality tests in English and math for grades 3–8 and high school. Want to learn more? Go to <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/parents/>.

Results will be sent home with final report cards at the end of the school year.

MSAA (Alternate ELA and Math Assessment) Testing window March 18-May 3

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.

Results will be sent home at the beginning of the following school year.

SDSA and SDSA Alt (South Dakota Science Assessment). Testing Window April 1-May 3

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.

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

Home School Testing - Testing Window March 25-April 19

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 (grade 2 no longer required). 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.

NAEP – National Assessment of Educational Progress – January 28- March 8

NAEP is often called "the Nation's Report Card," is the only nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subjects. Its two major goals are to measure student achievement and to report change in student performance over time. The NAEP is given to a sampling of students across the nation. The results of the NAEP are given for the entire nation and for individual states. Results are also given for specific groups of students, e.g. gender, racial and ethnic groups, and National School Lunch Program eligibility. Results are not available for schools or individual students. NAEP is given to many South Dakota students in reading and mathematics at grades 4, 8, and 12 every two years. National and state results are reported to the public.

More information about these required assessments can be found here:

<http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/>