

Information on Standardized Testing

Why testing?

- Both state and federal laws require testing students in English/language arts, mathematics, and science to ensure that all students are meeting college/career ready standards by the end of high school.
- Tests are summative and are not designed to be diagnostic.
- Students with an IEP or 504 plan can have certain accommodations designed to support the student, but not change the test.
- Students with significant cognitive disabilities will take alternate assessment in the content areas.

State & Federal Testing:

These are required tests to meet state and federal requirements by law.

- Smarter Balanced or MSAA for students in grades 3-8 & 11 for English Language Arts and Math.
- South Dakota Science Assessment or Alternate for students in grades 5, 8, & 11.
- ACCESS 2.0 or ACCESS Alt. for English learners in grades K-12 (Until student reaches proficiency expectation)
- NAEP-National Assessment of Educational Progress
- Home School Testing (State-provided SAT 10 ab)
- NCRC- Career readiness testing done by the State of South Dakota (12th Grade)
- 8th Grade Career Interest Inventory (SD MyLife)
- 10th Grade Career Aptitude Inventory (SD MyLife)

**Scores will be mailed to individual households once the school district receives the results.*

District Level Testing:

- MAP Testing: Formative assessments given to students to measure growth and proficiency in selected subjects throughout the school year.
 - Elementary: Starting September 18th
 - HS/MS: Starting Sept. 24th-27th 2018, December & May 2019 (Approx. 1 hour per session)
 - Testing will occur in ELA, Math, Science
- ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery): October 24th
- PSAT/NMSQT: October 2018
- SAT School Day: Spring 2019

Test Windows:

- **NAEP:** January 28 – March 8th, 2019 (approx. 2 hour test time)
- **ACCESS & ACCESS Alt.:** January 28 – March 8th, 2019 (approx. 3 hour test time per session)
- **Smarter Balanced:** March 6 – May 3, 2019 (approx. 3 hour test time per session)
- **MSAA:** March 18 – May 3, 2019 (approx. 3 hour test time per session)
- **South Dakota Science/SD Science Alt.:** April 1 – May 3, 2019 (approx. 3 hour test time)
- **Home School Testing:** March 25 – April 19, 2019 (approx. 3 hour test time)
- **NCRC:** April 2019 (approx. 3 hour test time)