

Name of Assessment	Subject Matter Assessed	Grades Administered	Purpose of the Test	Source of Requirement	Approximate Time Spent Taking the Test When Administered	Testing Window	Date Administered	Reporting Results	https://content.m
Acadience Reading Diagnostic	Reading	K-5	Determine student reading levels in oral reading fluency and reading comprehension. Assessments drive reading instruction and RTI interventions.	District Requirement	30 minutes	August 2026 December 2026 April 2027	August 25th & 26th 2026 December 8th & 9th 2026 May 4th and 5th, 2026+	Sent home in student folders after each testing period	
Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State (ACCESS & ACCESS Alternative for ESL Students)	Reading Writing Speaking Listening	K-12	Used to assess English Language Proficiency and continued eligiblity for EL services.	SD DOE	Testing times vary greatly between testing participants	Jan. 27th - Feb. 27th, 2026		Discussed with parents at parent teacher conference.	
American College Testing (ACT)	English Mathematics Reading Scientific Reasoning Direct Writing Test (optional)	11 & 12	Entrance exam used by colleges and universities to make admission decisions. Can determine dual credit eligibility.		English - 45 minutes Math - 60 minutes Reading - 35 minutes Scientific Reasoning - 35 minutes Direct Writing Test - 40 minutes (optional)	Early Fall Early Spring	October 13th - 23rd, 2026 March 9th - 19th, 2026	Results are listed in the students MyACT Account by ACT.	
South Dakota American College Testing (ACT)	English Reading Math Science Writing	11	State Required Summative Assessment measuring English, Mathematics, Reading, Scientific Reasoning and Writing achievement.	SD DOE	English - 45 minutes Math - 60 minutes Reading - 35 minutes Scientific Reasoning - 35 minutes Direct Writing Test - 40 minutes			Results are listed in the students MyACT Account by ACT.	
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)	General Science (GS) Arithmetic Reasoning (AR) Word Knowledge (WK) Paragraph Comprehension (PC) Mathematics Knowledge (MK) Electronics Information (EI) Auto & Shop Information (AS) Mechanical Comprehension (MC)	11	Qualification Assessment for enlistment in the military as well as various mechanical aptitudes.	District Requirement	3 Hours (estimated time)	Fall or Spring	October 7th, 2026	Results are given and discussed by National Guard Recruiter & School Counselor with students once results have been received. Two hard copies of results are given: one to student & one in students cummalative file.	
Measure of Academic Progress (MAP)	Growth: Reading Growth: Math	1st-8th	MAP assessments are designed to target a student' academic performance in mathematics, reading, language usage, and science. These tests are tailored to an individuals current achievement level. It is used to drive instruction at the district level.	District Requirement		Fall: Aug. 1st - Nov. 30th, 2025 Winter: Dec. 1st - Feb. 28th, 2026 Spring: Mar. 1st - May 31st, 2026	September 10 & 11, 2025 December 15 & 16, 2025 May 11 & 12, 2025	Shared at parent teacher conferences.	
National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP)	Reading Math	8	NAEP was first administered in 1969 to measure student achievement nationally. In 1990 NAEP was administered at the state level for the first time. Students in grades 4 and 8 are currently assessed at the national and state levels in mathematics and reading every two years and in other subjects periodically.	SD DOE	Testing times vary greatly between testing particiapnts.			Data only reported at the state level. No individual student data collected.	
Pre-American College Testing (Pre-ACT)	English Math Reading Science	9 & 10	Pre-exam for ACT.	District Requirement	Pre-test activities - 1 hour English - 30 minutes Math - 40 minutes Reading - 30 minutes Science - 30 minutes	Fall: Sept. 2nd - 25th, 2026	Sep. 9th & 16th, 2026	Results are shared and given to students by school counselor once received by school district.	
SD ELA & Math Assessments	English Language Arts Math	3-8	State required summative assessment measuring English Language Arts and Mathematics achievement.	SD DOE		Mar. 29th - May 7th, 2027		Sent home with end of year reports	
SD ELA and Math Alternate Assessments	English Language Arts Math	3 - 8, 11	State required summative assessment measuring English Language Arts and Mathematics acheivement for students with the most severe cognitive disabilities.	SD DOE		Mar. 8th - Apr. 23rd, 2027			
SD Science Assessment	Science	5, 8	State required summative assessment measuring Science achievement.	SD DOE		Mar. 29th - May 7th, 2027			
SD Science Alternative Assessment	Science	5, 8, 11	State required summative assessment measuring Science achievement for students with the most severe cognitive disabilities.	SD DOE		Mar. 29th - May 7th, 2027			