

Assessment News Alert

This message was sent to assessment coordinators in public school districts and several approved programs and non-public school systems.

Math, ELA, Science, and Alternate Assessment Updates

- **Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA)**. Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA). If a district identifies that a student is missing from the MSAA system, please notify DOAssessment@state.sd.us before April 23. Reminder that the **testing window closes next Friday, April 26** for all Math-Alt and ELA-Alt tests in the MSAA system. After completion of each student's test, the Test Administrator must complete the "Accommodations: After Test" tab. Test Administrators are encouraged to complete one End of Test Survey (EOTS) **before April 26**.
- **Non-Embedded Accommodations**. If you have students who are on an IEP and need a non-embedded accommodation (e.g. scribe, multiplication table, or 100s chart), you must complete the form within TIDE to request this. If this hasn't been done and the student already tested with one of these accommodations, please still complete the form! Questions? Email doeassessment@state.sd.us.
- **Please share this opportunity with your 3-12th grade Math and ELA Teachers!** Tools for Teacher is hosting an SNE (State Network of Educators) workshop this summer in Portland, OR. The dates are July 8-11. July 8th is a travel day, with the workshop being the 9th, 10th, and half day on the 11th. During this workshop, teachers will be asked to write (or support educators in writing) instructional resource lessons that will appear on Tools for Teachers. It is a chance to meet and learn from colleagues across member states. If interested, please email rebecca.frerichs@state.sd.us with the following information:
 - your first and last name
 - your email address (personal and professional)
 - phone number
 - the content area in which you have expertise to create an instructional resource (Math, ELA, or both)
 - the grade you are most comfortable creating an instructional resource for (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, high school)
 - the district you currently teach at
 - your job title
 - if you currently utilize Tools for Teachers or notPlease express your interest by **April 24th!**
- **Assessment Office Half Hours**. The Office of Assessment & Accountability will provide virtual Office Half Hours every Monday at 10:30 a.m. CT (9:30 a.m. MT) throughout the assessment window. Zoom info is:
 - Mondays at 10:30 a.m. CT (9:30 a.m. MT)
 - <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/99784177187>
 - Meeting ID: 997 8417 7187