

# Assessment News Alert

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This message was sent to assessment coordinators, ELL/Title III contacts, and WIDA Assessment contacts in public school districts and several approved programs and non-public school systems.

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## Math, ELA, Science, and Alternate Assessment Updates

- **Assessment Coordinators Virtual Training.** This [virtual training](#) is for assessment coordinators who missed our in-person trainings. The purpose is to prepare assessment coordinators to thoroughly train their teachers on how to successfully administer the South Dakota summative assessments. [Register](#) here!
- **Accommodation Tip:** Text-to-speech (text read by the computer) or Read Aloud (text read by a certified teacher) as a designated support should be one or the other NOT BOTH. This helps DOE to understand the needs of the students. If a district chooses Read Aloud by a certified teacher, this could stress resources due to the testing window being shorter and the need for this support to be one-on-one is a separate setting. Please check to ensure only one is marked for students that need this support. For more information, please contact [Beth.Schiltz@state.sd.us](mailto:Beth.Schiltz@state.sd.us).
- **Accommodations Request Deadline.** Districts should do their best to submit all accommodation requests as forms in TIDE by **Friday, March 1**. Questions? Email [Beth Schiltz](mailto:Beth.Schiltz).
- **Upcoming Virtual Assessment Trainings.** Our assessment vendor, Cambium, will provide the following virtual trainings for South Dakota assessment coordinators and teachers/proctors. **Please [register](#) and pass along to your teachers.**  
Thanks!
  - [SD Science Alternate Assessment Proctor Training](#) – Feb. 27, 2024, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. CT
  - [Test Delivery System \(TDS\) Proctor Training](#) – Feb. 29, 2024, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. CT
  - [Data Entry Interface \(DEI\) System Training for SD Science Assessment \(SDSA\) Paper](#) – March 5, 2024, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. CT
  - [Reporting System Webinar](#) – April 2, 2024, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. CT

## English Language Proficiency Assessment (ACCESS) Updates

**The following items should be returned to DRC – all returns **MUST** be picked up by UPS by **Friday, March 1****

- All test booklets (collected in plastic bags)
- ALL ACCESS for ELLs paper Test Administrator Scripts
- ACCESS for ELLs Online Test Administrator Scripts for grade 1 and grade 2-3
- Listening and Speaking Test CDs
- All large print, braille, Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs, and WIDA Alternate ACCESS test materials

### **Timeline for when scores will be available:**

- April 26 – Scores available online
- May 2-3 – Printed Score reports arrive in district
- Sept. 12 – Alt ACCESS Scores available online
- Sept. 24 – Alt ACCESS scores arrive in district

**First Year in Country Student**

The following information must be filled out in Infinite Campus for a student to be exempt from the state ELA assessment. (To qualify for exemption for SY 2023-24 enrollment would be from May 2, 2023 – May 1, 2024)

1. Birth Country
2. Date Entered US
3. Date Entered US School
4. Home Primary Language

This information is found under Census>People>Demographics

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to [Shari Lord](#).