

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

- **FERPA Reminder.** When communicating in email about a student, please only use the students' SSID. Never include both a student's name and SSID.
- **Making Changes to Students in the MSAA System for the math and ELA alternate assessments.** Districts MUST send changes for MSAA to DOEassessment@state.sd.us. They are not automatic. This includes if you receive a new student or if a student leaves.
- **Accommodation Tip: Calculator reminder.** Students in grades 6-8 and 11 are to use the calculator embedded within the testing platform and are **NOT to use a handheld calculator**. The only students allowed a handheld calculator are those needing a talking or braille calculator (which is an accommodations). **Students in grades 3-5 are not to use any calculator** as it goes against the constructs of what is being assessed. Please contact Beth.Schultz@state.sd.us if you have any questions.
- **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
- **Assessment Coordinator's (AC) Hub.** All assessment training ppts, resources, and recordings are located in the [Assessment Coordinator's Hub](#) within Canvas (click on Modules). You as the District Assessment Coordinator should have access to this Hub. There you will find pertinent resources for the upcoming required summative assessments. Please reach out if you have any issues with access.