

Assessment News Alert- April 2, 2026

This message was sent to assessment coordinators in public school districts and several approved programs and non-public school systems. If you have any questions email doeassessment@state.sd.us. Thank you and have a good rest of your week!

General Assessment Updates

Student Nightly File Issues

We are currently experiencing issues with the nightly student upload. Our data team is actively working with Infinite Campus to identify and resolve the problem. As a result, student information is not automatically updating in TIDE at this time. If you have students who will be testing soon, **send us their information so we can manually add them to TIDE** the morning they are testing. We will keep you updated as soon as the issue is resolved. Thank you for your patience, and we apologize for the inconvenience.

Office Hours During Testing Window

State offices are closed on Monday, April 6, so there will be no office hours that day! We will resume on Monday, April 13.

- <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/94662091350>
- Meeting ID: 946 6209 1350

State General Assessment Accommodations for Grades 3-8

Districts need to check to ensure all accommodations have been marked in TIDE prior to testing. To do this, use the Manage Test Settings and Tools within TIDE. If they are not set, please use the forms to request the appropriate accommodations. If you have questions, contact [Beth Schiltz](#).

Grades 3-8 Testing Windows

The Cambium assessment window for the following assessments opened Monday, March 30 and will close on Friday, May 8.

- SD ELA and Math Assessments – Grades 3-8
- SD Science Assessments – Grades 5 & 8
- SD Science-Alternate Assessments – Grades 5, 8, 11

SD-ACT Updates (for public-school districts only)

The End is Near

The third and final SD-ACT testing window will close on Friday, April 3. Thank you for all your hard work in making this year's administration a success. This cycle certainly came with its challenges, but it has been wonderful to hear so many success stories from the field. We truly appreciate your dedication and efforts throughout the year. Thank you again for everything you do.

Checking Student Statuses

Districts can run the student status report in ACT Now, but it usually takes at least a couple days for the tests to process. Districts can also check the actual rooms in TCM, if access is still available, to verify whether tests are complete. Room Supervisors have access for three days after testing, and Test Coordinators have access for seven days.

Got Tech Issues? Here is who to call:

- First Choice: 319.337.1566, option 3
- Second Choice: 800.553.6244 ext. 2800, option 2

Alternate Assessment Updates

ELA-Alt & Math-Alt (MSAA): March 9-April 24

- This week is the half-way mark of the testing window!
- Thank you for your work in administering the one-on-one MSAA to your students.
- If a student's MSAA test becomes "locked" or you experience MSAA system issues, contact MSAAServiceCenter@cognia.org or 866-834-8879.
- Score reports will be available in July; results must be sent to parents.

Science-Alt (Cambium): March 30-May 8

- Science-Alt Assessment opened for students March 30.
- Any student who participated in the MSAA in **grades 5, 8, 11** must ALSO complete the Science-alt in Cambium.
- A [practice test](#) is available to familiarize students with the platform.
- A recommended Science-Alt [Teacher Certification Course](#) is available to Test Administrators.
- Refer to the [2026 SDSAA Test Administration Manual \(TAM\)](#) with questions.
- Contact SDHelpDesk@cambiumassessment.com or 1-855-838-8378 if you experience testing issues.
- Contact doeassessment@state.sd.us if you are unable to locate your student in the Science-alt in Cambium.
- Score reports will be available shortly after test completion; results must be sent to parents.

SD-ELP (ACCESS Updates)**Score Reports**

- 5.5.26 -available online in DRC platform
- 5.11-13.26 -districts will receive printed reports from DRC

NAEP

A huge THANK YOU to all the schools that participated in NAEP 2026! We truly appreciate your time, effort, and support in making this year's administration a success.