

Assessment News Alert- April 11, 2025

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

Student Results Now Available in Reporting System. South Dakota Math, ELA, Science, and Science-Alt Assessment results are now available in the Reporting System. Once students finish testing, please allow up to three weeks for results to populate. Below are resources to help you analyze your data:

- [Reporting Training Webinar recording](#)
- [Reporting Training PPT](#)
- [Reporting User Guide](#)
- [Reporting Quick Guide](#)

Teacher/Proctor MUST be in room with students testing. A certified teacher/proctor MUST be in the same room as the students testing. It is not allowed for a teacher/proctor to start a test session, and then the students leave the room to test with a different staff member. If the students are going to a different location to test, there must be a certified staff in that room who starts the test and reads the script for the students.

Partially Enrolled Students. Districts must report the percentage of the day that the student is enrolled. A full-time student or 100 percent enrolled student is any student who is carrying a full course load. The term, full course load, means any student who is enrolled in at least five courses or is scheduled for a full school day. The term, full school day, means the amount of time in the day between the start and end of classes during an average school day. If any student is enrolled in less than five classes or does not attend school for the full school day, the student shall be reported based on the percentage of classes taken or the portion of the full school day that the student is in school. If basing it on the five classes, students would be enrolled, 20%, 40%, 60%, 80%, or 100%. Districts are still able to enroll a student at percentages other than 20%, 40%, 60%, etc. (example 33%). The percent enrolled is based upon the number of classes taken in a standard, block or trimester schedule OR the portion of the full school day that the student is in school.

Alternate Assessment Closure Reminders.

- **SD Math and ELA Alternate Assessments-** The MSAA (Math Alternate Assessment and ELA Alternate Assessment) test window at <https://www.msaaassessment.org/> closes **April 25**. All students assigned to alternate assessment must have all test sessions completed and submitted by that date.
- **SD Science Alternate Assessment-** The Science Alternate Assessment is required of all students in grades 5, 8, and 11 who participate in alternate assessment. The Science Alternate Assessment test window at <https://sd.portal.cambiumast.com/> closes **May 2**.

ACT Update. The state assessment for grade 11 will transition to the ACT starting in spring 2026. The testing window will be **February 24 to April 3, 2026**. All juniors will be required to test during that window, and the results will be used in the Accountability Report Card. Students will test online. Students can either use an allowable handheld calculator or the embedded calculator within the secure browser. More information to come!

Assessment Virtual Office Half-Hour. During the testing window, our team will host a virtual office half-hour every Wednesday at 10:30 am CT (9:30 am MT). Today was the first! Zoom information is below:

- <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93061304949>
- Meeting ID: 930 6130 4949

2024-25 Testing Windows

- MSAA (Math ALT and ELA ALT) are open March 10-April 25
- Math, ELA, Science, and Science ALT are open March 24-May 2
- Paper Summative Assessments are March 31-April 18
- Interim Assessments close May 2 (IABs and FIABs)