

# Assessment News Alert- April 28, 2025

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

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## Last Week of the Testing Window!

The testing windows for the Cambium Assessments (Math, ELA, Science, and Science-Alt) close this Friday at the end of the day! Thank you for your hard work and dedication in administering these assessments to all your students. Your commitment to this process ensures our students have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. We deeply appreciate your efforts and partnership!

## Submitting a Medical Exemption

In rare instances, a student may be unable to participate in any part of the assessment due to **significant and documented and fully incapacitating medical emergency that extends through the entire testing window**. For such situations, the DOE may provide a medical exemption if the student was unable to receive instruction for the duration of the testing window. The Medical Exemption Form is now available in TIDE under Forms until **Friday, May 9**. This is the only opportunity to submit a medical exemption request. Just a reminder, the district must provide evidence that the student was unable to receive instruction for the entire testing window and include documentation from a medical professional.

## Science & Special Education Educators Needed

We are looking for participants for our South Dakota summer Science Content Item Review meeting to review General Education and Alternate Assessment items. This meeting will be **August 7** from 8:00am to 5:00pm CT for the SD Science Assessment and 10:00am to 5:00pm CT for the SD Science Alternate Assessment.

For those interested, this will be an in-person meeting that will be held in Pierre. Participants who attend will be compensated for their time at a rate of \$175.00 for the day. If you are interested in participating in this opportunity, please complete this [survey](#) by **Friday, May 30**. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please reach out to [Sabrina Johnson](#).

## Math and ELA Educators Needed

Middle School ELA and Math educators, want to help strengthen the South Dakota Math and English-Language Arts assessments? Then this opportunity is for you! We are inviting ELA and Math educators with experience engaging with students in grades 6-8 representing a variety of student perspectives, English learners, and students with disabilities to participate in up to five virtual content review panels, starting May 2025. The review panels will build on recent Student Interest Workshops conducted with students in grades 6 through 8. These virtual educator sessions will offer time for thoughtful collaboration with peers and exploration of foundational tools for assessment development. Educators who participate in this opportunity will receive a \$75 gift card for each review panel attended, totaling up to \$375 for participation in all five panels. Interested educators will need to **complete the [interest form](#) by May 9, 2025**.

**Assessment Virtual Office Half-Hour.** During the testing window, our team is hosting a virtual office half-hour every Wednesday at 10:30 AM CT (9:30 AM MT). **The session on April 30 will be the last one!**

Zoom information:

- <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)