

Assessment News Alert- Aug. 13, 2025

We had an additional item to add, hence we are resending today's News Alert. This message was sent to assessment coordinators in public school districts and several approved programs and non-public school systems.

NEW: Interim Assessments Now Available for Districts

The South Dakota Interim Assessments are now available for schools to utilize. Below are the windows for the IABs and FIABs. The South Dakota Interim Assessments are free, aligned to South Dakota content standards, and are taken in the same platform as the state summative assessments. Need interim assessment support? Email doeassessment@state.sd.us! And watch for regional and virtual interim assessment training opportunities!

Name of Interim Assessment	Tested Grade Level	2025-26 Test Window
Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) Focused Interim Assessment Blocks (FIABs) Subject: English Language Arts, Math, Science	3-8	Aug. 11, 2025- May 22, 2026

Assessment Coordinator Changes

The Assessment Coordinator for each district can be viewed on the [SD Educational Directory](#). If this contact is incorrect, report it to the Educational Directory Contact within your district so they can update the contact information.

Interim Assessment Regional Trainings

The Office of Assessment & Accountability plans to provide regional interim assessment trainings, but we need your help! We want teachers to attend these trainings. Take this [survey](#) and pass it along to your teachers who teach math, ELA, and/or science in grades 3-8. This will help us determine when and where to offer these trainings.

Opportunity: Transforming Assessment Systems

Wondering how to evaluate whether adding a local assessment is in your district's best interest? The department and the Center for Assessment invite districts to attend an informational webinar to learn more about the two-day, in-person Assessment System Review Summits in fall 2025 and spring 2026. These hands-on sessions will help teams analyze students' assessment experiences and create a more balanced, purposeful system. Questions? Contact [Carla Evans](#) or [Caroline Wylie](#).

- No registration for the webinar is necessary, but attendance at one of the two webinars or requesting the recording is **required** to apply. Those interested can attend **TODAY'S** webinar at 10-11 a.m. CT: [Zoom link](#). A recording of the Aug. 6 webinar is available upon request.

Download MSAA Test Results before Sept. 5, 2025

South Dakota ELA-Alternate and Math-Alternate spring 2025 results are currently available in the [MSAA System](#). District Test Coordinators must download test results for students in their district **before Sept. 5, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. CT**. Districts are federally required to provide results of individual student state assessment performance to parents. Please print and send MSAA results to parents and share with Test Administrators as soon as possible. The [2025 Score Report Interpretation Guide](#) and MSAA Parent Guides per grade level on the [Alternate Assessment Website](#) can also be shared with parents. E-mail DOEassessment@state.sd.us with any questions.