

# Assessment News Alert- Dec. 12, 2025

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](mailto:doeassessment@state.sd.us).

## General Assessment Updates

**Monthly New Assessment Coordinator Check-In** was Monday, Dec. 1.

- You can access the ppt and recording in the [AC Hub](#).

## SD-ACT Updates (for South Dakota public schools)

### Accommodations for SD-ACT

**ACT recommends that accommodation requests are made before Christmas Break!** Student do NOT need to be in ACT Now for you to request accommodations in Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA).

District staff will need to create an account in TAA, which is in [ACT Success](#).

Here are some resources to help with the process:

- [How to Create an Account to Request Accommodations](#)
- [TAA User Guide](#)
- [South Dakota-Specific Accommodations Training Recording and Resources](#)
- [Accessibility Supports Guide for the ACT](#)
- For additional support, contact ACT's accommodations team at [actstateaccoms@act.org](mailto:actstateaccoms@act.org) or at 800.553.6244, ext. 1788

### Calling All Educators to Help Develop SD-ACT Performance Level Descriptors

The department is looking for a wide array of educators, administrators, university professors, and/or technical college faculty to help create the [Performance Level Descriptors \(PLDs\) for the SD-ACT](#). Five participants will be chosen for each of the five assessments (math, English, reading, science, and writing). The workshop will kick off with training, followed by review, discussion, and writing the PLDs. The virtual workshop will be held March 9-10 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (CT). **Interested educators can apply by Dec. 15.** Participants will receive \$175 per day, and the school will be reimbursed for a substitute teacher if needed. Contact [doeassessment@state.sd.us](mailto:doeassessment@state.sd.us) with questions.

[SD-ACT webpage](#) has additional resources, webinars and office hours, and helpful information.