

Assessment News Alert- March 6, 2025

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

SD-ELP (ACCESS Updates)

- **Medical Exemptions.** Districts may request a Medical Exemption by **March 7, 2025**, for students who have missed instruction during the testing window due to severe medical conditions. Requests can be sent to Shari.Lord@state.sd.us. Please reach out if you need a medical exemption form.
- **What do I do with the SD-ELP Materials**
 - **Return to DRC (postmarked by 3.10.25)**
 - All test booklets (collected in plastic bags)
 - ALL ACCESS Paper Test Administrator scripts
 - ACCESS online Test Administrator scripts for grade 1 and grades 2-3 (English versions)
 - Listening and Speaking Test CDs
 - All large print, braille, Kindergarten ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS test materials
 - **Keep**
 - Packing list
 - Security Checklist
 - **Discard/Destroy**
 - District and School Test Coordinator manual
 - Test Administrator Manual
 - Grades 4-12 Online Test Administrator Script
 - School box range sheet
 - Unused booklet labels (unused Pre-ID labels are secure test materials and should be securely destroyed)
- **Upcoming Timeline for SD-ELP (ACCESS)**
 - 3.10.25 – Deadline for shipping completed test materials to DRC – POSTMARKED by
 - 5.6.25 – Districts receive reports and data – Online
 - 5.12.25-5.14.25 – Districts receive reports – Printed

General Assessment Updates

- **Designated Supports and Accommodations Deadline.** Assessment Coordinators must take two key steps to ensure students have proper testing support:
 1. Designated Supports: Assessment Coordinators can directly add these supports (such as Text to Speech) by locating the student in TIDE and updating their settings.
 2. Accommodations: These must be formally requested through TIDE Forms. The deadline has passed, so it is critical you submit these ASAP to ensure accommodations are in place before testing begins.
- **Summative Assessment Virtual Training for Assessment Coordinators.** If you missed out on attending one of our face-to-face regional trainings, or just need a refresher, you can [register for this virtual training](#). **School Coordinators and principals are invited to attend, as well.** Training will take place on March 11 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm CT (12:30 to 2:30 pm MT).
- **Summative TAM Now Available.** The 2025 [Summative Test Administration Manual \(TAM\)](#) is now available for the Math, ELA, and Science Assessments. Within the TAM are the teacher, school coordinator, and assessment coordinator checklists, as well as the scripts. Teachers and Proctors must read the scripts verbatim.

- **MSAA Training Modules.** The [MSAA Test Administration Training for Test Administrators](#) (TAs) is available and required to be completed before TAs begin administering MSAA alternate assessments on March 10. Test Coordinators must create TA accounts in the MSAA system.
- **Upcoming Cambium assessment trainings.** South Dakota educators can now [register](#) for any Cambium’s virtual one-hour trainings:
 - SD Science Alternate Assessment Proctor Training - **March 13, 2025 (11am-12pm CT)**
 - Test Delivery System (TDS) Proctor Training - **March 11, 2025 (11am-12pm CT)**
 - Data Entry Interface (DEI) System Training for SD Science Assessment (SDSA) Paper - **March 19, 2025 (11am-12pm CT)**
 - Reporting System Webinar - **April 3, 2025 (11am-12pm CT)**

- **Spring 2025 Testing Windows**

Name of Required Assessment	Tested Grade Level	2024-25 Test Window
<u>SD ELA and Math Assessments</u> Subject: English language arts, Math	3-8, 11	March 24 - May 2, 2025
<u>SD ELA and Math Alternate Assessments</u> Subject: English language arts, Math	3-8, 11 Students with most severe cognitive disabilities	March 10 - April 25, 2025
<u>SD Science Assessment</u> Subject: Science	5, 8, 11	March 24 - May 2, 2025
<u>SD Science Alternate Assessment</u> Subject: Science	5, 8, 11 Students with most severe cognitive disabilities	March 24 - May 2, 2025

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