

Assessment News Alert- March 27, 2025

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

General Assessment Updates

- **Tech Coordinators - Important Notice: Audio Playback Issue on iPadOS 18.4.** Cambium Assessment (CAI) has identified an issue with iPadOS 18.4 that affects audio playback within both the Secure Browser (SB) and Safari. This issue has been reported to Apple, and they are actively working on a fix. CAI is also exploring a potential workaround to address this issue in the interim. Please note that this issue is present in the publicly released iPadOS 18.4 version, which became available on **March 25, 2025**. Until a resolution is provided by Apple, CAI strongly recommends **refraining from updating to iPadOS 18.4** to ensure a smooth testing experience. This affects any test with an audio (in ELA) and HVR (in SDSAA).
- **TEs and PRs must sign the NDA.** If your Teachers or Proctors are having troubles accessing the assessments, please make sure they have signed the Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA). Anyone assisting with testing **MUST** sign the NDA. Thanks!
- **Testing Question? Who you gonna call??** For questions about online testing, test irregularities, policies, or appeals, contact the [South Dakota Office of Assessment Staff](#). For questions about devices or technology difficulties, contact the [South Dakota Assessments Help Desk](#).
- **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
- **Winter Assessment Training PPT and Recording.** Please access the [recording](#) and the **attached ppt** to help answer your questions or to get a refresher.
- **10th grade students graduating early?** If you have 10th graders who may graduate before next year's testing window, please [submit their SSIDs using this form](#). These students must complete the required high school assessments this spring, since they need to test once during high school.
- **Upcoming Cambium assessment trainings.** South Dakota assessment coordinators, principals, and teachers can [register for the upcoming Cambium virtual one-hour training](#):
 - Reporting System Webinar - **April 3, 2025 (11am-12pm CT / 10-11 am MT)**
- **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)