

# Assessment News Alert- April 8, 2026

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). Thank you and have a good rest of your week!

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## General Assessment Updates

### Nightly Student File Issues – RESOLVED!

The TIDE nightly student updates are working again with no issues. Let us know if something doesn't look right. Thanks!

### Office Hours During Testing Window

Office hours will resume on Monday, April 13. Zoom info is:

- <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/94662091350>
- Meeting ID: 946 6209 1350

### State General Assessment Accommodations for Grades 3-8

Districts need to check to ensure all accommodations have been marked in TIDE prior to testing. To do this, use the Manage Test Settings and Tools within TIDE. If they are not set, please use the forms to request the appropriate accommodations. If you have questions, contact [Beth Schiltz](#).

### Grades 3-8 Testing Windows

The Cambium assessment window for the following assessments opened Monday, March 30 and will close on Friday, May 8.

- SD ELA and Math Assessments – Grades 3-8
- SD Science Assessments – Grades 5 & 8
- SD Science-Alternate Assessments – Grades 5, 8, 11

## SD-ACT Updates (for public-school districts only)

### Online Reporting: Requesting Access to View Results

Only the assessment coordinators(DTC's) currently have access to the data as the trusted agent. DTCs need to either grant other users access, or the school coordinators would need to setup an account and request access and the trusted agent would need to approve. Here are the steps on how to request access from your district's testing coordinator/trusted agent:

1. Log in to <https://success.act.org>
2. Select Manage My Access.
3. Select Request More Access from the drop-down menu.
4. Enter your organization name and select it when it appears.
5. Select Submit.
6. Select the role you wish to have from the list.
7. Select Request Access.

After submitting the form, a notification will be sent to your trusted agent for approval. Here are some

### Online Reporting: Important Information

- Scores available to students in MyACT – within a few hours of initiation of score release
- Data to be available for schools, districts, and states in Success - within 24-48 hours of initiation of score release.
- **Note:** Data are not considered final until the final reporting date (May 18, 2026).

### Online Reporting: Important Resources!

- [Setting Up for Success - Online Reporting and TAA \(pdf\)](#)
  - How to Get Access
  - How to create an account
  - How to make a request to get trusted agent access
- [ACT Online Reporting User Guide \(pdf\)](#)
  - Includes screenshots
- [Trusted Agent Best Practices](#)

## Alternate Assessment Updates

### ELA-Alt & Math-Alt ([MSAA](#)): March 9-April 24

- There are about 12 school days left to submit MSAA tests!
- If a student's MSAA test becomes "locked" or you experience MSAA system issues, contact [MSAAServiceCenter@cognia.org](mailto:MSAAServiceCenter@cognia.org) or 866-834-8879.
- Score reports will be available in July; results must be sent to parents.

### Science-Alt ([Cambium](#)): March 30-May 8

- Any student who participated in the MSAA in **grades 5, 8, 11** must ALSO complete the Science-alt in Cambium.
- A [practice test](#) is available to familiarize students with the platform.
- A recommended Science-Alt [Teacher Certification Course](#) is available to Test Administrators.
- Refer to the [2026 SDSAA Test Administration Manual \(TAM\)](#) with questions.
- Contact [SDHelpDesk@cambiumassessment.com](mailto:SDHelpDesk@cambiumassessment.com) or 1-855-838-8378 if you experience testing issues.
- Contact [doeassessment@state.sd.us](mailto:doeassessment@state.sd.us) if you are unable to locate your student in the Science-alt in Cambium.
- Score reports will be available shortly after test completion; results must be sent to parents.

## SD-ELP (ACCESS Updates)

### Score Reports

- 5.5.26 -available online in DRC platform
- 5.11-13.26 -districts will receive printed reports from DRC