

Assessment News Alert- May 7, 2025

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

Submitting a Medical Exemption

In rare instances, a student may be unable to participate in any part of the assessment due to **significant** and **documented** and **fully incapacitating medical emergency** that **extends through the entire testing window**. For such situations, the DOE may provide a medical exemption if the student was unable to receive instruction for the duration of the testing window. The Medical Exemption Form is now available in TIDE under Forms until **Friday, May 9**. This is the only opportunity to submit a medical exemption request. Just a reminder, the district must provide evidence that the student was unable to receive instruction for the entire testing window and include documentation from a medical professional.

Sending Assessment Results Home

Once all your students' results are in the Reporting System, you can send the Individual Student Reports (ISRs) home to families. You should be able to do this for math, ELA, science, and science-alt by **May 19**. Directions for printing ISRs are below. MSA results will not be available until July or August, but please remember to send these home, too.

- How to Print Individual Student Reports training- [https://sd.portal.cambiumast.com/resources/educators/reporting-system-video-series/how-to-print-individual-student-reports-\(isr\)-and-student-data-files](https://sd.portal.cambiumast.com/resources/educators/reporting-system-video-series/how-to-print-individual-student-reports-(isr)-and-student-data-files)
- Printing ISRs Guide - <https://sd.portal.cambiumast.com/resources/educators/quick-guide-to-generating-and-exporting-individual-student-reports>

Opportunity for Science & Special Education Educators

We are looking for participants for our South Dakota summer Science Content Item Review meeting to review General Education and Alternate Assessment items. This meeting will be **August 7** from 8:00am to 5:00pm CT for the SD Science Assessment and 10:00am to 5:00pm CT for the SD Science Alternate Assessment. **We could use more Special Education educators!**

For those interested, this will be an in-person meeting that will be held in Pierre. Participants who attend will be compensated for their time at a rate of \$175.00 for the day. If you are [interested in participating in this opportunity, complete this survey](#) by **Friday, May 30**. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please reach out to [Sabrina Johnson](#).

Opportunity for Math and ELA Educators

Middle School ELA and Math educators, want to help strengthen the South Dakota Math and English-Language Arts assessments? Then this opportunity is for you! We are inviting ELA and Math educators with experience engaging with students in grades 6-8 representing a variety of student perspectives, English learners, and students with disabilities to participate in up to five virtual content review panels, starting May 2025. The review panels will build on recent Student Interest Workshops conducted with students in grades 6 through 8. These virtual educator sessions will offer time for thoughtful collaboration with peers and exploration of foundational tools for assessment development. Educators who participate in this opportunity will receive a \$75 gift card for each review panel attended, totaling up to \$375 for participation in all five panels. Interested educators will need to **complete the [interest form](#) by May 9, 2025**.