

# Assessment News Alert- July 22, 2025

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

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## Assessment Coordinator Changes

If your district will have a new assessment coordinator for the 2025-26 school year, please complete this [survey](#).

## Download MSAA Test Results before Sept. 5, 2025

South Dakota ELA-Alternate and Math-Alternate spring 2025 results are currently available in the [MSAA System](#). District Test Coordinators must download test results for students in their district **before September 5, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. CT**. Districts are federally required to provide results of individual student state assessment performance to parents. Please print and send MSAA results to parents and share with Test Administrators as soon as possible. The [2025 Score Report Interpretation Guide](#) and MSAA Parent Guides per grade level on the [Alternate Assessment Website](#) can also be shared with parents. Please e-mail [DOEassessment@state.sd.us](mailto:DOEassessment@state.sd.us) with any questions.

## NEW Science Core Content Connectors

The Science Core Content Connectors (CCCs) are the alternate academic achievement standards for students with significant cognitive disabilities. The Office of Special Education, the Office of Assessment & Accountability, the Office of Standards, Learning, and Leadership, and SD educators collaborated to align the Science CCCs with the 2024 SD Science Standards that will be assessed in Spring 2026. In addition, Achievement Level Descriptors (ALDs) were added for grades 3 through high school. These ALDs will better help science and special education teachers to instruct and evaluate students at their individual performance level. The new Science CCCs can be found on the [Alternate Assessment website](#) for these grade spans: [K-5](#) [6-8](#) [9-12](#).

## TIDE Updates

TIDE is getting a makeover! Logging into TIDE for the 2025-26 school year will be a whole new experience. The system has had a major refresh, so get ready for some exciting changes! An overview of the changes is attached. Be on the lookout for trainings on the new system this fall. If you have any questions in the meantime, please reach out to us at [DOEassessment@state.sd.us](mailto:DOEassessment@state.sd.us).

## Gizmos Update

The Department of Education is no longer able to provide Gizmos for science teachers. This will take effect starting in the 2025-26 school year.