

Assessment News Alert- August 13, 2024

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

Math, ELA, Science, and Alternate Assessment Updates

MSAA Data Download by September 6, 2024

South Dakota ELA-Alternate and Math-Alternate Spring 2024 results are currently available in the [MSAA System](#). District Test Coordinators must download test results for the students in their district **before September 6 at 5:00pm CT**. Please print and send MSAA results to parents as soon as possible. Districts are federally required to provide results of individual student performance on the MSAA to parents. Please e-mail DOEAassessment@state.sd.us with any questions.

Testing Windows Spring 2025

- English Language Proficiency (ACCESS): **January 28-February 28, 2025**
- Math and ELA Alternate Assessment (MSAA): **March 10- April 25, 2025**
- South Dakota State Assessment (Math, ELA, Science and Alternate Science): **March 24-May 2, 2025**

Assessment Coordinator Changes

Please take this [survey to indicate if your district will have a new Assessment Coordinator for the 24-25 school year](#).

TIDE Open Now

As of August 8, TIDE is open and accessible to users. *If you need a TIDE account, please contact us at doeassessment@state.sd.us.* DOE staff create district level users; district assessment coordinators create all the rest of the accounts for principals, teachers, paraprofessionals, etc.

Interim Assessments Open August 16 – Fall In-Person Training Coming

All Math, ELA, and Science Interim Assessments open **August 16, 2024**, and will be ready for use! Districts will need to request and receive approval before getting access to the ICAs. Our recommendation is that districts only use the ICA in instances where a student is new to the district and the educational background of the student is unknown.

Interim Assessment Roadshow

The Office of Assessment will host regional Interim Assessment Trainings in the fall of 2024, tentatively scheduled for the first couple weeks in October. Dates and locations are still being determined. Stay tuned!

New Assessment Coordinator Training

[Register for the all new Assessment Coordinators \(ACs\), there will be a New AC Training via Zoom on September 10 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm CT \(9:00 am to 11: am MT\).](#)

Communication

If you have any questions about assessments, please feel free to email doeassessment@state.sd.us or reach out to us individually. Our Assessment Team is looking forward to working with you this year!

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