

Assessment News Alert- Sept. 30, 2025

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

SD-ACT Updates

SD-ACT Accommodations

As of Sept. 8, South Dakota public districts have access to request accommodations for their juniors taking SD-ACT in the spring. To make these requests, district staff will need to create an account in Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA), which is in [ACT Success](#).

Resources to help with the process:

- [How to Create an Account to Request Accommodations](#)
- [TAA User Guide](#)
- [South Dakota-Specific Accommodations Training Recording and Resources](#)
- For additional support, reach out to ACT's accommodations team at actstateaccoms@act.org or at 800.553.6244, ext. 1788

ACT Accommodations Office Hours

ACT is providing accommodations office hour sessions led by ACT's accommodations team. Each session will have a specific topic followed by Q&A. The trainings are intended for spring state and district sites, not national. The sessions will be available on demand after the live event. [Register for the office hour sessions](#). First session will be Nov. 12, 2025.

ACT Now Account

ACT will upload Assessment Coordinators into ACT Now in early November. Assessment Coordinators will receive a welcome email allowing them to log in with an account tied to their district. Assessment Coordinators can create their accounts now using their K-12 email address; however, the account will not be tied to their district until the November upload.

General Assessment Updates

Monthly Virtual Trainings for Assessment Coordinators

We're excited to offer **monthly virtual trainings** designed especially for **new assessment coordinators**—but all coordinators are welcome to join! These sessions are an opportunity to connect, ask questions, and learn from one another.

Zoom link to join [Monthly Virtual Trainings for Assessment Coordinators](#). Use meeting ID: 943 1434 1100

- Oct. 6 at 10 a.m. CT - **Topics: ACT TAA and ACT Now Account updates / Updating Users in TIDE / Interim Assessment Top 10 Reasons**
- Nov. 3 at 10 a.m. CT
- Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. CT
- Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. CT
- Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. CT
- Assessment office hours: Mondays - March 2 - May 5 (10-10:30 a.m. CT)

Regional Assessment Coordinator Training Resources

Thank you for those who attended one of our regional assessment coordinator trainings. Training Resources:

- [PPT](#)
- [Recording](#)

Interim Assessment Training Opportunity

The Office of Assessment & Accountability is offering professional development sessions on Interim Assessments for teachers and administrators.

- [Oct. 7, Sioux Falls](#) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT
- [Oct. 8, Rapid City](#) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. MT

We also offer virtual training options for individual schools or can arrange regional face-to-face sessions for districts interested in hosting. For virtual training requests or to discuss hosting a regional session, email doeassessment@state.sd.us