

Assessment Top 10 Updates



1. US Ed has indicated that **South Dakota will be required to test science and science-alt** this spring. Please plan accordingly.
2. The windows for Science, Science-Alt, Math, and ELA all begin **Monday, March 8**. The windows for MSAA (Math-Alt and ELA-Alt) open **Monday, March 15**.
3. The State will be offering **office hours** every Monday at 10:00 am CT (9:00 am MT) from March 8 through May 3. Email Matthew.Gill@state.sd.us if you want the Zoom link.
4. South Dakota does not allow remote administration of the summative assessments. **Students will need to test in person**. Please test students to the greatest extent possible.
5. **Interim Comprehensive Assessments (ICAs)** will not be available beginning on March 8. **IABs** and **FIABs** will be open until May 7.



6. For **MSAA**, please contact DOEAassessment@state.sd.us if you need students added, removed, or transferred.
7. Make sure students are properly marked in **Infinite Campus**, including students who need to take the Alternate Assessments. Districts must send updates to the State so we can make the necessary changes to the students in the MSAA system.
8. The requirements of 13-27-3 (testing for home school students) remain in effect this year; districts may monitor, as in previous years.
9. **Text-to-speech** is where the computer will read the information on the screen to the student. **Read Aloud** is where a certified teacher in a separate setting reads what is on the screen to the student. This should be one or the other, not both. Please check your TIDE settings to make sure both have not been marked. Questions? Email Beth.Schiltz@state.sd.us.
10. The State will provide important updates through the **weekly newsletter** during the testing window. Please email Matthew.Gill@state.sd.us if you or anyone you know needs to be added to the mailing list.

