Assessment Guide
School Year 2022-23

Name of Assessment	Subject Matter Assessed	Grades Administered	Purpose for how it is designed and used	Source of Requirement	Approximate time Spent/ When Administered	Dates Administered (approximate)	Reporting Results
Smarter Balanced Assessment	Mathematics, ELA	3-8, 11	State required summative assessment measuring English Language Arts and Math achievement.	SD DOE	Estimated testing time: ELA 3-4 hours Math 2-4 hours	March 2 - May 6, 2023	Mailed to parents in the spring.
South Dakota Science Assessment	Science	5, 8, 11	State required summative assessment measuring science achievement.	SD DOE	Estimated testing time: 1.5-3 hours	March 2 - May 6, 2023	Mailed to parents once available.
South Dakota ELA & Math Alternate Assessments	Mathematics, ELA	3-8, 11	Students with most severe cognitive disabilities	SD DOE	Testing times vary greatly between testing participants.	March 14 - April 29, 2023	Mailed to parents once available.
South Dakota Science Alternative Assessment	Science	5, 8, 11	Students with most severe cognitive disabilities	SD DOE	Testing times vary greatly between testing participants.	March 2 - May 6, 2023	Mailed to parents once available.
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NEAP)	Reading, Math, (every other year)	4 and 8	NAEP was first administered in 1969 to measure student achievement nationally. In 1990, NAEP was administered at the state level for the first time. Students in grades 4 and 8 are currently assessed at the national and state levels in mathematics and reading every two years and in other subjects periodically.	SD DOE	Testing times vary greatly between testing participants.	January 24 - March 4, 2023	Data only reported at state level. No individual student data collected.
ACCESS & ACCESS Alternative (for EL students)	English Language Proficiency	K-12	Used to assess English Language Proficiency and continued eligibility for EL services	SD DOE	Testing times vary greatly between testing participants.	January 24 - February 25. 2023	Mailed to parents
NCRC	Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, Reading for Information	12	National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) program is an industry-recognized, portable credential certifying essential skills needed for workplace success	District Requirement	Estimated testing time: 3 hours	November 2, 2022	Given to students once results are received.
WIDA EL Assessments	Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening	K-12	When students enter the district to determine eligibility for EL services	SD DOE	Estimated testing time: 1.5 hours	January 24 - February 25. 2023	Mailed to parents with letter regarding eligibility for services
STAR	Math, Reading	K-1, 2-5, 6-8, 9-12; Early Literacy K-1.	STAR reading assesses reading comprehension and related skills.STAR Math tracks development in four domains: Numbers and Operations, Algebra, Geometry and Measurement, Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability.	District Requirement	Estimate testing time: 20 minutes per test; 3x/year.	Fall, Winter, Spring. One exam in each subject (math/reading) per benchmark period.	Shared at parent/teacher conferences
ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)	Military Aptitude	11	Qualification assessment for enlistment in the military as well as various mechanical aptitudes.	District Requirement	Estimated testing time: 3 hours	October 20, 2022	Results will be discussed with students once results have been received.