

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE TESTING WINDOWS

2025-2026

NAME OF REQUIRED ASSESSMENT	GRADE LEVEL	TEST WINDOW
SD ELA AND MATH ASSESSMENTS SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MATH	GRADES 3-8	MARCH 30 – MAY 8, 2026
SD ELA AND MATH ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MATH	GRADES 3-8, 11 STUDENTS WITH MOST SEVERE COGNITIVE DISABILITIES	MARCH 9 – APRIL 24, 2026
SD SCIENCE ASSESSMENT SUBJECT: SCIENCE	GRADES 5, 8	MARCH 30 – MAY 8, 2026
SD SCIENCE ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT SUBJECT: SCIENCE	GRADES 5, 8, 11 STUDENTS WITH MOST SEVERE COGNITIVE DISABILITIES	MARCH 30 – MAY 8, 2026
SD - ACT SUBJECT: ENGLISH, READING, MATH, SCIENCE, WRITING	GRADE 11	WINDOW 1: FEB. 24-27, MARCH 2-6 WINDOW 2: MARCH 10-13, MARCH 16-20 WINDOW 3: MARCH 24-27, MARCH 30-31
NAEP - NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS SUBJECT: READING, MATH, (EVERY OTHER YEAR)	GRADES 4, 8	GRADE 4 SELECTED TO TEST DURING 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR
ACCESS 2.0 - SD ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT SUBJECT: READING, WRITING, SPEAKING, AND LISTENING	GRADES K-12 EL STUDENTS	JANUARY 27 – FEBRUARY 27, 2026