



DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that all school districts provide transparency in regards to how its learners are assessed. In compliance with ESSA, as well as State and Federal Department of Education mandates, Dakota Valley School District has made public the following list of assessments, their purpose, and approximate time frame. The results of any and all assessments administered by the District and its staff can be made available to parents/guardians upon request and, when applicable, will be sent home in the form of a score report in a timely manner. **Please note that not every learner takes every assessment listed below.** Any questions regarding assessments can be directed to Linda Steele, Assessment Coordinator at Linda.Steele@k12.sd.us.

ASSESSMENT, SUBJECTS, AND TIME	PURPOSE	GRADE(S)	TESTING WINDOW	SOURCE OF REQUIREMENT	REPORTING RESULTS
South Dakota State Assessments for English Language Arts and Math (approximately 1-2 hours/each)	Official South Dakota Standardized Assessment for ELA and Math Proficiency	3-8, 11	March/April – for specific dates in each building, contact the building principal.	SD DOE	Sent home once available or upon request
MSAA Assessment for English Language Arts and Math (variable testing time)	Official South Dakota Alternate Standardized Assessment for ELA and Math Proficiency for learners with special needs	3-8, 11	March/April – for specific dates in each building, contact Linda Steele	SD DOE	Sent home once available or upon request

<p>South Dakota Science Assessment and South Dakota Science Alternative Assessment (for learners with special needs) (approximately 2-3 hours)</p>	<p>Official South Dakota Standardized Assessment for Science Proficiency</p>	<p>5, 8, 11</p>	<p>March/April – for specific dates in each building, contact building principal</p>	<p>SD DOE</p>	<p>Sent home once available or upon request</p>
<p>NWEA MAP Growth Assessments in Reading, Language Usage, Math and Science (approximately 45-60 minutes)</p>	<p>District, Building, and Classroom-level monitoring of both proficiency and growth for data-driven instructional practices.</p>	<p>K-12 as directed by building principal</p>	<p>Tri-Annually: Aug/Sep; Dec/Jan; May</p>	<p>Dakota Valley</p>	<p>Sent home once available or upon request</p>
<p>ACCESS 2.0 and ACCESS 2.0 Alt Assessment for English Language Proficiency (variable testing time)</p>	<p>Official South Dakota Standardized Assessment for designated English Learners (ELs)</p>	<p>K-12</p>	<p>February/March – for specific dates in each building, contact Linda Steele.</p>	<p>SD DOE</p>	<p>Sent home once available or upon request</p>
<p>WIDA-ACCESS Placement Test for English Language Proficiency (variable testing time)</p>	<p>Used to measure the English language proficiency of learners who have indicated a primary language other than English on a home language survey and determining whether or not English language instructional services are needed.</p>	<p>K</p>	<p>Upon entry into the Dakota Valley School District. For specific dates in each building, contact Linda Steele.</p>	<p>SD DOE</p>	<p>Sent home once available or upon request</p>

<p>WIDA Screener for English Language Proficiency (variable testing time)</p>	<p>Used to measure the English language proficiency of learners who have indicated a primary language other than English on a home language survey, and determining whether or not English language instructional services are needed.</p>	<p>1-12</p>	<p>Upon entry into the Dakota Valley School District; For specific dates in each building, contact Linda Steele</p>	<p>SD DOE</p>	<p>Sent home once available or upon request</p>
<p>National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in Math and Reading (approximately 2-3 hours)</p>	<p>Anonymous assessment of progress by the US Department of Education.</p>	<p>4, 8, 12; if applicable (DV is not always selected for testing)</p>	<p>Variable - will occur once during the school year, if at all.</p>	<p>SD DOE and Federal DOE</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>In-Classroom Assessments (variable testing time)</p>	<p>Local formative and summative progress monitoring</p>	<p>PK-12</p>	<p>Daily</p>	<p>DV</p>	<p>Communicated by teacher once available or upon request</p>

ACT Assessment (optional; approximately 3-4 hours)	College Entrance Requirement	Optional (typically 11-12)	Bi-Monthly – see www.act.org for test dates; See HS Counselor for locations	N/A	Provided by ACT Inc once available
PSAT Assessment (optional; approximately 3-4 hours)	National Merit Scholarship Eligibility; Proficiency Assessment	Optional (typically 10-11)	October; See HS Counselor for locations	N/A	Provided by College Board once available
SAT Assessment (optional; approximately 3-4 hours)	College Entrance Requirement	Optional (typically 11-12)	7 times per year – see the College Board website for test dates.	N/A	Provided by College Board once available
Accuplacer (optional; variable testing time)	College/Tech Entrance Requirement	Optional (typically 11-12)	Any Time	N/A	Provided by College Board once available
ASVAB (optional; approximately 3 hours)	Military Aptitude/Entrance Requirement	12	Can be administered any time through a recruitment office; See HS Counselor for locations	N/A	Provided by Testing Institute once available