



SD State Assessment Window

ELA & Math: March 30, 2026-May 8, 2026
MSAA ELA & Math: Mar. 9, 2026-Apr. 24, 2026

DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1150 Northshore Drive
North Sioux City, SD 57049

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Science: March 30, 2026-May 8, 2026
Science: March 30, 2026-May 8, 2026 Alt
ACCESS 2.0-Jan. 27, 2026-Feb. 27, 2026

| ASSESSMENT, SUBJECTS, AND TIME (listed alphabetically) | PURPOSE | GRADE(S) | TESTING WINDOW | SOURCE OF REQUIREMENT | REPORTING RESULTS |
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| ACCESS 2.0 and ACCESS 2.0 Alt Assessment for English Language Proficiency (variable testing time) | Official South Dakota Standardized Assessment for designated English Learners (ELs) | K-12 | Jan 27, 2026-Feb 27, 2026 | SD DOE | Sent home once available or upon request. |
| ACT Assessment (optional; approximately 3-4 hours) | College Entrance Requirement/Used to meet criteria for state assessment | 11 | March 24-27, 2026 March 30-13, 2026 April 1-3, 2026 *Intermittent Testing Periods | SD DOE | Provided by ACT Inc once available |

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| ASVAB (optional; variable; approximately 3 hours) | Military Aptitude Entrance Requirement | Optional; 12 | October 16, 2024 8:30 a.m. | Dakota Valley hosts the ASVAB for DV students. | Provided by Testing Institute Once Available |
| In-Classroom Assessments (variable testing time) | Local formative and summative progress monitoring | PK-12 | Daily | DV | Communicated by teacher once available or upon request. |
| MSAA Assessment for English Language Arts/Reading & Math (variable testing time for each test) | Official South Dakota Alternate Standardized Assessment for ELA & Math proficiency for learners with most severe cognitive disabilities. | 3-8, 11 | March 9, 2026 – April 24, 2026 *Note: Testing will occur intermittently during these weeks. Contact building principal for questions. | SD DOE | Sent home once available or upon request. |
| National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in Math and Reading (approximately 2-3 hours) | Anonymous assessment of progress by the US Department of Education. | 4, 8, 12 | Variable - will occur once during the school year, if at all. | SD DOE and Federal DOE | N/A |

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| NWEA MAP Growth Assessments in Reading, Language Usage, Math and Science (approximately 45-60 minutes) | District, Building, and Classroom-level monitoring of both proficiency and growth for data-driven instructional practices. | K-11 as directed by building principal | Tri-Annually of each year: Aug/Sept; Dec/Jan; May | Dakota Valley | Fall Results discussed at Conferences; Sent home after testing |
| PSAT Assessment (optional; approximately 3-4 hours) | National Merit Scholarship Eligibility; Proficiency Assessment | Optional (typically 10-11) | March 24-27, 2026 March 30-13, 2026 April 1-3, 2026 *Intermittent Testing Periods | N/A | Provided by College Board Once Available |
| South Dakota Science Assessment and South Dakota Science Alternative Assessment (for learners with special needs) (approximately 2-3 hours) | Official South Dakota Standardized Assessment for Science Proficiency | 5, 8, 11 | March 30, 2026- May 8, 2026 *Intermittent Testing Periods | SD DOE | Sent home once available or upon request. |

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| South Dakota State Assessments for English Language Arts/Reading and Math (approximately 1-2 hours each) | Official South Dakota Standardized Assessment for ELA & Math Proficiency | 3-8 | March 30, 2026- May 8, 2026 *Intermittent Testing Periods | SD DOE | Sent home once available or upon request. |
| WIDA Screener for English Language Proficiency (variable testing time) | 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. | K-12 | Within 30 days of entry into the Dakota Valley School District and within 2 weeks of enrollment throughout the school year | SD DOE | Sent home once available or upon request. |