

Assessment Guide
Parker School District
School Year 2025-26

<https://doe.sd.gov/assessment/>

Name of Assessment	Grades	Purpose of the test (what is it designed for and how are the results used)	Approximate time Spent taking the test when Administered	Dates Administered (state window and district dates)	Disseminating of Results
Fall NWEA MAP Testing Math and Reading	K-2			August 20-September 27	As soon as results are posted but no later than September 27, data is used periodically throughout the school year
Fall NWEA MAP Testing Math, Reading, Language Usage, and Science	11-Mar			August 20-September 27	As soon as results are posted but no later than September 27, data is used periodically throughout the school year
Winter NWEA MAP Testing Math and Reading	K-2			December 2-January 17	As soon as results are posted but no later than January 17, data is used periodically throughout the school year
Winter NWEA MAP Testing Math, Reading, Language Usage, and Science	11-Mar			December 2-January 17	As soon as results are posted but no later than January 17, data is used periodically throughout the school year
Spring NWEA MAP Testing Math and Reading	K-2			March 17-May 8	As soon as results are posted but no later than May 8, data is used periodically throughout the school year
Spring NWEA MAP Testing Math, Reading, Language Usage, and Science	11-Mar			March 17-May 8	As soon as results are posted but no later than May 8, data is used periodically throughout the school year
<p>South Dakota public school students participate in annual summative testing in English language arts and mathematics. The results of these tests are included in the state accountability system. South Dakota also requires annual assessment of science and writing. Parent letters are emailed out by the school counselor/testing coordinator. Sample letters can be found by clicking on the link below and scrolling to the bottom of the page.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sample Letters</p>					
SD ELA and Math Assessments Subject: English Language Arts, Math The testing window can be located at: https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/	3-8, 11		Math - two day test	March 30 - May 8, 2026	
SD ELA and Math Alternate Assessments Subject: English Language Arts, Math	3-8, 11	Students with most severe cognitive disabilities		March 9 - April 24, 2026	
SD-ACT Subject: English, Reading, Math, Science, Writing	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, April 1-3	Window 1 Schedule Window 2 Schedule Window 3 Schedule
SD Science Assessment Subject: Science	5, 8			March 30 - May 8, 2026	
SD Science Alternate Assessment Subject: Science	5, 8, 11	Students with most severe cognitive disabilities		March 30 - May 8, 2026	
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	4-8	Only a sample of schools is chosen		Jan. 26 - March 20, 2026	

Subject: Reading, Math, (every other year)	7, 8	Only a sample of schools is chosen		June 20 - March 20, 2020	
SD English Language Proficiency Assessment (ACCESS 2.0)					
Subject: Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening					
Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) Focused Interim Assessment Blocks (FIABs) Subject: English Language Arts, Math, Science	3 through 8			Aug. 11, 2025- May 22, 2026	
Interim Comprehensive Assessment (ICA) Subject: English Language Arts, Mat	3 through 8			Window 1: Aug. 11, 2025 - Nov. 28, 2025 Window 2: Dec. 1, 2025 - Mar. 6, 2026	