Assessment Guide - Kadoka Area School District
School Year 2026-27

Name of Assessment	Subject Matter Assessed	Grades Administered	Purpose for how it is designed and used	Source of Requirement	Approximate time for administration	Testing Window	Dates scheduled for Administration	Reporting Results
SD ELA/Math Assessments	ELA, Math	Grades 3-8	Summative assessment used to measure achievement of current State standards.	SD DOE	ELA 3-4 hours, Math 2-4 hours	March 29-May 7	**Elem. & Outlying**: **Middle School:**	Elementary & Outlying are mailed and MS & HS are sent digitally to parents the week after school is out.
ACT	English, Reading, Math, Science, Writing	11	Summative assessment used to measure achievement of current State standards.	SD DOE	English - 35 Math - 50 Reading - 40 Science - 40 Writing - 40	**Window 1:** March 9-19 **Window 2:** March 23-April 2 **Window 3:** April 6-16		Reports are mailed to parents as soon as they are received from ACT. Students have access throught their ACT account.
SD Science Assessment	Science	5, 8	Summative assessment used to measure achievement of current State standards.	SD DOE	1.5-3 hours	March 29-May 7	**Elem. & Outlying:** **Middle School:**	Elementary & Outlying are mailed and MS & HS are sent digitally to parents the week after school is out.
SD ELA & Math Alternate Assessments	ELA, Math	3-8, 11	Summative assessment for students with severe cognitive disabilities	SD DOE	Varies greatly between students	March 8-April 23		Mailed or sent digitally to parents once available to the District.
SD Science Alternative Assessment	Science	5, 8, 11	Summative assessment for students with severe cognitive disabilities	SD DOE	Varies greatly between students	March 29-May 7		Mailed or sent digitally to parents once available to the District.
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	Reading, Math	4, 8	Measures student achievement and reports changes in student performance over time. Given to a sampling of students across the nation.	SD DOE		Jan 26-March 20	TBD by NAEP	Data is only reported at the State level. No individual student data is collected.
National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)	Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, Locating Information	11 or 12	It is an industry-recognized, portable credential certifying essential skills needed for workplace success.	District	3 hours	Scheduled with Department of Labor		Given to students when results are available.
ASVAB (Armed Services vocational Aptitude Battery)	Military Aptitude	11	Qualification assessment for enlistment in the military as well as various mechanical aptitudes	District	3 hours			Results discussed/given to students when available.

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WIDA EL Assessment	Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening	K-12	Used when students enter the district to determine eligibility for EL services	SD DOE	1.5 hours	At the beginning of the school year-30 days. After school is underway-2 weeks.		Mailed to parents with letter regarding eligibility for services.
ACCESS and ACCESS Alt (for EL students)	English Language Proficiency	K-12	Used to assess English Language Proficiency and continued eligibility for EL services	SD DOE	Varies greatly between students	January 25-February 26		Mailed to parents as soon as results are available.
NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)	Reading, Math	JK-12 Math & Reading	Benchmark/progress monitoring assessments to access unique needs of students and chart growth. Used to adjust and target curriculum and supports for students.	District	30-45 min per assessment	3 times per year. September, December, March Students in 3-12 do not take the Spring assessment.	Fall (Sept 1-10), Winter (), Spring TBD	Shared with parents through classroom teachers during conferences, mailed or sent digitally to parent or guardian.