

**Assessment Guide**  
**Andes Central School District**  
**School Year 2023 -2024**

Name of Assessment	Subject Matter Assessed	Grades Administered	Purpose for how it is designed and used	Source of Requirement	Approximate time Spent/ When Administered	Dates Administered	Reporting Results
Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA)	Reading Gr 6-12 Science Gr 5, 6-8, 11	Gr 6-12	Benchmarking Students three times throughout the year to monitor individual student growth on the Common Core State Standards. Data is used by teachers in developing lesson plans and interventions, and teachers writing SLOs. (Student Learning Objectives)	NWEA is a local assessment. For more information visit their website: <a href="https://www.nwea.org/">https://www.nwea.org/</a>	<b>Benchmarking:</b> Depending on content and student level: 1 -2 class periods	<b>Benchmarking:</b> Aug 21 - Sept 8 Jan 3 - 19 May 1 - 16	Data is not necessarily shared out, since teachers primarily use it for development of lessons, interventions and to monitor student individual growth on SD Standards. Teachers may share out individual data at conferences to give parents a sense of where their child is at on certain Common Core State Standards.
Exact Paths (Edmentum)	Math Gr 2-5 Reading Gr 2-5	Gr 2-5	Benchmarking Students three times throughout the year to monitor individual student growth on the Common Core State Standards. Data is used by teachers in developing lesson plans and interventions, and teachers writing SLOs. (Student Learning Objectives) Once students are benchmarked, the program uploads their individual data to create an individual learning path based on areas of strength and need.	Exact Paths is a local assessment. For more information visit their website: <a href="https://www.edmentum.com/">https://www.edmentum.com/</a>	<b>Benchmarking:</b> Depending on content and student level: 1 -2 class periods	<b>Benchmarking:</b> Aug 21 - Sept 8 Jan 3 - 19 May 1 - 16	Data is not necessarily shared out, since teachers primarily use it for development of lessons, interventions and to monitor student individual growth on SD Standards. Teachers may share out individual data at conferences to give parents a sense of where their child is at on certain Common Core State Standards.
AIMSweb	Math Reading	Math K-5 Reading K-5	Benchmarking students three times throughout the year and to monitor individual student growth monthly or weekly on the basic foundational math and reading skills required for student to be successful with the Common Core State Standards. Data is used by teachers in developing lesson plans and interventions to help address areas of need based off of AIMSweb data collected. Some teachers also use AIMSweb data in writing their SLOs. (Student Learning Objectives)	AIMSweb is a local assessment. For more information visit their website: <a href="https://www.pearsonassessments.com/professional-assessments/digital-solutions/aimsweb/about.html">https://www.pearsonassessments.com/professional-assessments/digital-solutions/aimsweb/about.html</a>	<b>Benchmarking:</b> Depending on the level of the student: 20-30 min per child for all tests <b>Monitoring:</b> Depending on the level of the student: 10-15 min per child The lower the child the more time is required to complete each subtest.	<b>Benchmarking:</b> Aug 21 - Sept 8 December 4 - 20 April 22 - May 16 <b>Monitoring:</b> Depends on the level of the student - monthly for students who have achieve benchmark, biweekly for strategic students, or every week for intensive students.	Data is not necessarily shared out, since teachers primarily use it for development of lessons and interventions. Teachers may share out individual data at conferences to give parents a sense of where their child is at on certain foundational math and reading skills.
South Dakota Math, ELA, Science (SDMath, SDELA and SDScience)	Math Reading Science	Grades 3 - 8 and 11 (ELA and Math) Grades 5, 8, and 11 (Science)	State assessment given yearly to monitor student growth on the adopted SD state standards.	This is a state assessment. For more information on these assessments visit: <a href="https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/">https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/</a>	Each subject area has two subtests. Each subtest is administered over a 2-3 hour time frame within the testing window depending on the level of the student.	<b>In Town: Elementary: 5th Science: March 27th and 28th. ELA/Math: April 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, and 23-25</b> <b>MS/HS: ELA/Math: March 26-28; MS/HS 8th and 11th Science: April 3rd.</b> <b>Lakeview Colony ELA/Math/Science: April 2-4, 9-11, and 16-17.</b>	SDMath and SDELA results are made available at the end of the school year in May and sent home with the students.
South Dakota ELA and Math Alt.	Math Reading	Grades 3 - 8 and 11	State Assessment given yearly to monitor student growth on South Dakota Standards/Common Core Connectors which have been adopted. This assessment is given to students who have met the proper criteria outlined by the state Department of Education.	This is a state assessment. For more information on these assessments visit: <a href="https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/">https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/</a>	Each subject area has two subtests. The time frame of testing varies depending on individual student.	<b>ELA/Math Testing Dates: March 18 - 28th</b>	SD ELA and Math Alt results are made available in August. These results have been given to the parents.

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