

Assessment Guide Northwestern Area School District School Year 2023-2024

Name of Assessment	Subject Matter Assessed	Grades Administered	Purpose of the test (what is designed for and how are results used)	Source of Requirement	Approximate time spent taking the test when administered	Dates Administered (State window and District dates)	Reporting Results
South Dakota ELA and Math Assessments	Mathematics and English/Language Arts	3-8 th and 11	Assess student learning and growth in the areas of Math and English/Language Arts	SD-DOE	Math-3-4 hours ELA-2-4 hours	March 25-May 3, 2024	Results mailed to parents late May-early June
South Dakota Science Assessment	Science	5 th , 8 th , 11th	Measure achievement in science	SD-DOE	2-3 hours	March 25-May 3, 2024	Results mailed to parents when results available
South Dakota Math and ELA Alternative Assessments	Mathematics and English/Language Arts	3-8 th and 11	Math and ELA Assessments given to students identified with severe cognitive disabilities	SD-DOE	Time varies based on individual needs	March 11-April 26, 2024	Results mailed to parents in late May-early June
South Dakota Science Alternative Assessments	Science	5th, 8th, 11th	Science Assessment given to students identified with severe cognitive disabilities	SD-DOE	Time varies based on individual needs	March 25-May 3, 2024	Results mailed to parents when results available
ACCESS Test & ACCESS Alternative (for EL students)	English Proficiency--Reading, Speaking, Writing, Listening	K-12th	Assess learning of students identified as English Language Learners	SD-DOE	Testing varies, but generally 2-3 hours	January 22-February 23, 2024	Copies of results mailed to parents
National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)	Applied Math, Work-Place Documents, Graphic Literacy	12th	Students are assessed in career-related work skills and can earn Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze Certificates	District (with SD-DOL assistance)	Test Time: 3 hours	January 25, 2024	Students receive earned certificates
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)	English, Math, Science, Mechanical, Auto/Shop abilities	11th (12th by student request)	Qualification Test for US Military. Used at Warner HS as a Career Interest and Ability Assessment	District Requirement	3 Hours	September 14, 2023	Students receive copies of their results during Interpretation Session
Accuplacer	Placement test for University and Tech College-bound students	11th and 12th	This assessment is administered by the post-secondary institutions and proctored locally.	Post-Secondary Requirement	Test Time: 3 hours	As needed	Students are provided with results following exam.

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WIDA Screeners	English Proficiency	JK-12th	Used to determine eligibility for ELL services upon students entering district	SD-DOE	Test Time: 1-2 hours	As needed	Results mailed to parents
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	Reading or Math	4th and 8th	This national assessment is given to students to measure how much students in the United States are learning. Students take either a math or reading test. Data is compiled at the state and national level (no individual or school-level data is provided)	SD-DOE and National DOE	Time varies based on individual needs and the types of tests students are asked to take	N/A in 2023-2024	No individual or school level results are provided
DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills)	Early Literacy Skills	K-5th	The purpose is to help identify students who may need additional assistance in terms of literacy.	District Requirement	1/4 hour	Three times per year	Teachers share results with parents.