

**Assessment Guide**  
**Jones County School District**  
**School Year 2024-2025**

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
South Dakota Assessment Math and ELA	English Language Arts, Mathematics	3-8, and 11	The South Dakota Assessment is designed to align to the State Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics. This set of computer adaptive assessments provides information about how students are performing in order to best support them moving forward.	State	7-8 Hours Spring	Testing Window is from March 24-May 2, 2025	Individual Student reports sent home end of school year
South Dakota Science Assessment	Science	5,8,11	The South Dakota Science Assessment (SDSA) is designed to align to the South Dakota Science Standards. This set of computer delivered assessments provides information about how students are performing to best support them moving forward.	State	3 Hours Spring	Testing Window is from March 24-May 2, 2025	Individual Student reports sent home end of school year
South Dakota Science Alternate Assessment	Science	5,8,11	The Science Alternate Training is available for students who have a significant cognitive disability and are working in the Extended Content and Alternate Academic Achievement Descriptors, and whose IEP's indicate alternate assessment for statewide testing.	State	3-6 Hours Spring	Testing Window is from March 24-May 2, 2025	Reports sent home in July/Aug following spring administration
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	Reading Math	4, 8 If selected	The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in reading and mathematics.	National	2-3 Hours	Not a required assessment for 2024-2025	Nation's Report Card <a href="https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/">https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/</a>
WIDA Screener	Language	1-12 Students who qualify for ELL Services	The WIDA Screener is an English language proficiency assessment given to incoming students in Grades 1-12 to assist educators with the identification of students as English learners (EL). The purpose of this assessment is to help educators make decisions about whether a student is deemed eligible for EL services.	State	1 school day	Within 30 days of enrollment	Immediate results after administrator scores items. Families are notified immediately if ELL services can be provided.
Assessing Comprehensions and Communication in English State-to-State (ACCESS) and ACCESS Alt.	Speaking Reading Writing Listening	All ELL students K-12	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is a secure large-scale English language proficiency assessment administered to Kindergarten through 12th grade students who have been identified as English language learners (ELLs). It is given annually in WIDA Consortium member states to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English.	National	2 school days at some point during the testing window	Testing Window is from Jan.28-Feb. 28, 2025	Reports available in May Letter sent to parents
South Dakota ELA and Math Alternate Assessment	Reading Math	3-8, and 11 For students with the most severe cognitive disabilities	South Dakota's ELA and Math Alternative Assessment is designed to assess skills in English Language Arts and Mathematics for student with significant cognitive disabilities in grades 3 through 8 and 11.	State	3- 6 Hours Spring	Testing Window is from March 10- April 25, 2025	Reports sent home in July/Aug following spring administration
National Career Readiness Certification (NCRC)	Applied Mathematics Locating Information Reading for Information	12	The National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) test assessment is used in over 40 states to verify the employment skill level of job applicants. As an assessment of employable skills in three key skill areas, the NCRC has been issued to more than 2.3 million job applicants. The NCRC Certificate is a fully accepted credential of employment skills achievement, honored in most states. <a href="#">National Career Development Guidelines (sd.gov)</a>	Optional, National	3 Hours Fall	October 23, 2024 Scheduled through the	Refer to School Counselor
American College Testing (ACT)	Reading Math Science English	10, 11, 12	The ACT® test is the nation's most popular college entrance exam accepted and valued by all universities and colleges in the United States. The ACT is based on what students learn in high school and provides personalized information about their strengths for education and career planning. Find everything you need to know about registration, test prep, scores and more. <a href="#">ACT   College and Career Readiness Solutions</a>	Optional, National	4 Hour As Scheduled	Students register into already scheduled sessions	Refer to School Counselor
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)	General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Mathematics Knowledge, Electronics Information, Auto Information, Shop Information, Mechanical Comprehension, Assembling Objects	11	The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually to more than one million military applicants, high school, and post-secondary students. <a href="#">What career is right for me?   ASVAB Career Exploration Program (asvabprogram.com)</a>	Optional, National	Appx. 2.5 Hours	December 20, 2024 Scheduled through the School Counselors office	Refer to School Counselor

Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT)	Writing, Critical Reading, Mathematics	11, 12	The SAT is a standardized test widely used for college admissions in the United States. <a href="#">The SAT – SAT Suite   College Board</a>	Optional, National	3 Hours	Students register into already scheduled sessions.	Refer to School Counselor
Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test PSAT, NMSQT	Verbal Reasoning Math Reasoning	11	PSAT/NMSQT stands for Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. It is a kind of rehearsal for students who plan to take the SAT, which is the test many colleges require for admission. It is also used to select students seeking National Merit Scholarships. <a href="#">The PSAT/NMSQT – SAT Suite   College Board</a>	Optional, National	2 hours	October 2024 Refer to the School Counselor for specific dates.	Refer to School Counselor
Pre American College Testing PreACT	Reading Math Science English	10	PreACT assessments offer 10 <sup>th</sup> graders an early experience with ACT test items, provides a predicted ACT test score, and offers a wealth of information to help students get the start they need to be college ready. Anchored on the ACT college and career readiness standards, PreACT assessments help educators, students, and parents identify areas of academic strength and opportunity. Students may opt to have their information shared with colleges and scholarship agencies when they take PreACT, providing greater opportunities for recruitment and scholarship awards.	Optional, School District	3 hours	Spring 2025	Refer to School Counselor