

**Assessment Guide**  
**Alcester-Hudson 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 English Language Arts Assessment  South Dakota Math Assessment	English Language Arts  Mathematics	3-8, and 11	The Smarter Dakota ELA and Math Assessment is designed to align to the Common Core 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 spent during the window March 24-May 2, 2025	Testing Window is from March 24-May 2, 2025 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade: March 26-April 4, 2025 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade: March 26-April 4, 2025 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Grade: April 7-17, 2025 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Grade: April 7-17, 2025	Individual Student reports sent home prior to the end of the current school year.
South Dakota Science Assessment (SDSA)	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 in order to best support them moving forward.	State	3 Hours spent during the window March 24-May 2, 2025	Testing Window is from March 24 -May 2, 2025 5 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> April 14-25, 2025 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade: April 14-25, 2025	Results available the following fall.
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 during the window March 24-May 2, 2025	Testing Window is from March 24 -May 2, 2025	Results available the following fall
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	Reading Math	4,8,12 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 Hours Winter	NA	Nation's Report Card <a href="https://nces.ed.gov/nationreportcard/">https://nces.ed.gov/nationreportcard/</a>
WIDA Screener	Language	K-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 during the window: Jan 28-Feb 28, 2025	Testing Window is from January 28, 2025-February 28, 2025	Reports available in May. Letter are sent to parents
Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA)	Reading Math	3-8, and 11 For students with the most severe cognitive disabilities	South Dakota's Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) 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 Mar 10-Apr 25, 2025	Testing Window is from March 10-April 25, 2025	Reports sent home in July/August following spring administration
National Career Readiness Certification (NCRC)	Applied Mathematics Locating Information Reading for Information	11 or 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.	Optional, National	3 Hours Fall 2023	Fall 2023	Refer to High School Counselor
American College Testing (ACT)	Reading Math Science	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.	Optional, National	4 Hours September 14, 2024 October 26, 2024 December 14, 2024	Students register for test sessions. September 14, 2024 October 26, 2024 December 14, 2024 February 8, 2025 April 5, 2025	Refer to High School Counselor

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Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA)	General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Mathematics Knowledge, Electronics Information, Auto Information, Shop Information, Mechanical Comprehension, Assembling Objects	11,12	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.	Optional, National	Approx. 2.5 Hours	Scheduled through the High School Counselor's Office TBD	Refer to High 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.	Optional, National October 5, 2024 November 2, 2024 December 7, 2024 March 8, 2025 May 3, 2025 June 7, 2025	3 Hours October 5, 2024 November 2, 2024 December 7, 2024 March 8, 2025 May 3, 2025 June 7, 2025	Scheduled through the High School Counselor's office  TBD	Refer to High School Counselor
Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)	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 most colleges require for admission. It is also used to select students seeking National Merit Scholarships which are awarded spring term of the senior year and to choose students for the National Assistance Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students.	Optional, National	2 hours Scheduled as needed	Scheduled as needed	Refer to High School Counselor.
Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)	Reading	K-6th	<b>DIBELS</b> are comprised of seven <b>measures</b> to function as indicators of phonemic awareness, alphabetic principle, accuracy and fluency with connected text, reading comprehension, and vocabulary	District	August, December and May Benchmark	Fall - All Kindergarten through 6th grade students tested. Based on results, teachers determine remaining test dates	Results shared with parents at conferences or as teacher deems necessary.