

Testing

The goal of the South Dakota Department of Education and the Alcester-Hudson Schools is that all high school students' graduate college, career, and life ready. To this aim, the South Dakota assessment system is designed to provide districts, schools, and parents with the information they need to ensure that their students remain on track to reach this goal.

South Dakota public school students participate in annual summative testing in English language arts and mathematics and the results of these tests are included in the state accountability system. In addition to annual tests in English language arts and mathematics, South Dakota requires assessment of science annually and provides schools and teachers with resources to utilize other assessments to help identify strengths and areas for improvement.

In addition to these state tests we at the Alcester-Hudson schools also use a variety of additional assessments to measure student growth. Two of the most widely used assessments are MobyMax and Accelerated Reader programs. This year also our 4th and 8th grade students will be taking part in NAEP testing (National Assessment of Educational Progress). This test is given every two years nationally.

The testing dates for this year's assessments are as follow:

NAEP – National Assessment of Educational Progress
Jan. 28 – March 8, 2019
ACCESS and ACCESS Alt (for EL students)
ACCESS 2.0: Jan. 28 – Feb.28, 2019 ACCESS Alt: Jan. 28 – Feb.28, 2019
Smarter Balanced (ELA and Math Assessment)
Grades 3-8 and 11: March 6 - May 3, 2019 (Paper/pencil window: March 18 – April 19, 2019. Tests shipped no later than April 25, 2019)
MSAA (Alternate ELA and Math Assessment)
March 18 - May 3, 2019 (tentative)
South Dakota Science and South Dakota Science Alt
April 1 – May 3, 2019
Home School Testing (State-provided SAT 10 ab)
March 25 – April 19, 2019
NCRC
Grade 11 or 12, schools work with CTE and Dept. of Labor to schedule

Test Results

Parent's will receive Smarter Balance and South Dakota Science assessment individual reports as soon as they are available. In addition, the South Dakota State Report Card will be made available as soon as they have been updated on the state Dept. of Education website.

Teacher Qualifications

The federal education laws called ESEA, requires all parents in a Title I school be notified and given the opportunity to request information about the professional qualifications of classroom teachers instructing their child. Parents may also request information about the qualifications of paraprofessionals if such services are provided to their child. If you are interested in this information, you may send your request to the building principal who will provide a response.

If you have questions regarding any of our districts assessments, please feel free to call us at 605-934- 1890 or visit the state of South Dakota's assessment website at: <http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/>