

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 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

<b>NAEP – National Assessment of Educational Progress</b>
Jan. 28 – March 8, 2019
<b>ACCESS and ACCESS Alt (for EL students)</b>
ACCESS 2.0: Jan. 28 – Feb.28, 2019 ACCESS Alt: Jan. 28 – Feb.28, 2019
<b>Smarter Balanced (ELA and Math Assessment)</b>
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)
<b>MSAA (Alternate ELA and Math Assessment)</b>
March 18 - May 3, 2019 (tentative)
<b>South Dakota Science and South Dakota Science Alt</b>
April 1 – May 3, 2019
<b>Home School Testing</b> (State-provided SAT 10 ab)
March 25 – April 19, 2019
<b>NCRC</b>
Grade 11 or 12, schools work with CTE and Dept. of Labor to schedule

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/>