

Assessment Guide
Gettysburg School District
School Year 2021-2022

Name of Assessment	Subject Matter Assessed	Grades Administered	Purpose of the test (what is it designed for and how are the 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 & Math	ELA and Math	3-8 & 11	To measure state standards, educators from a variety of states have developed new, high quality tests in English and Math are using the SD ELA and SD Math assessments. https://sd.portal.cambiumast.com/users/students-and-families/	SD Department of Education	Grades 3-5: 6 hours. Grades 6-8: 6.5 hours, Grade 11: 7.5 hours	March 2 - May 6, 2022	Reported with report cards at the end of the current school year.
South Dakota Science Assessment	Science	5, 8 & 11	Measures the students' mastery of the South Dakota State Academic Standards in Science. This test will cover the grade spans of 3-5, 6-8 and high school. Questions will come from life, physical and earth sciences at all three tested levels. More info at: https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/alternate.aspx	SD Department of Education	1.8 - 2.3 hours	March 2 - May 6, 2022	Results will be sent with report cards at the end of the current school year.
South Dakota ELA and Math Alternate Assessment. https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/alternate.aspx	ELA and Math	3-8, 11	The test replaces the SD ELA and Math Assessment and is available for students who met the significant cognitive disability criteria. These students are working with Core Content Connectors and their IEPs indicate alternate assessment for statewide testing. https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/alternate.aspx	SD Department of Education	Dependent on the student. The student can have as many breaks and testing sessions as needed during the test window.	March 14-April 29, 2022	Sent home at the beginning of the following school year as soon as the SD Department of Education makes them available to the school district.
South Dakota Science Assessment Alternative (SDSA-Alt)	Science	5, 8, 11	This assessment replaces the SD Science Assessment and is available for students who met the significant cognitive disability criteria. These students are working with the Core Content Connectors and their IEPs indicate alternate assessment for statewide testing. https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/alternate.aspx	SD Department of Education	Dependent on the student. The student can have as many breaks and testing sessions as needed during the test window.	March 2 - May 6, 2022	Sent home first semester of the following school year as soon as the SD Department of Education makes the results available to the school district.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	Reading, Math	Possible grades: 4, 8, & 12	NAEP is often called the "Nation's Report Card". This assessment is the only nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subjects. Its 2 major goals are to measure student achievement and to report change in student performance over time. The NAEP is given to a sampling of students across the nation. The results of the NAEP are given for the entire nation and for individual states. No individual students results are given. NAEP is given to many South Dakota students in reading and mathematics every two years. https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/NAEP.aspx	SD Department of Education	1 hour 20 minutes	January 24-March 31 2022 (Gettysburg was not a chosen test site this year)	No individual results received. National and state results are reported to the public once they are available.
SD English Language Proficiency Assessment (ACCESS 2.0). https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/elp.aspx	Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening	K-12	Each year, students in English Learner programs take the ACCESS for ELLs language proficiency test. The test measures academic English language proficiency for students learning English in our school and throughout our state. https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/elp.aspx	SD Department of Education	Individualized	January 24-February 25, 2022	Results are given within 2 weeks of when the district receives them
Dibels Reading	Dibels	K & 1st Grade	Dibels are individually administered measures of student skills in each of the key basic early literacy skills. The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) are a set of procedures and measures assessing the acquisition of early literacy skills from kindergarten through 6th grade. https://dibels.uoregon.edu/about-dibels	Local school district	Three 20 minute sessions spread throughout the school year - fall/winter/spring	Fall-Winter-Spring	Results are sent home after completion of the assessment
Star Math and Star Reading	Math and Reading	Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Star assessments are short tests that provide teachers with learning data. Star tests are computer adaptive, which means they adjust to each answer your child provides. This helps teachers get the best data to help your child in the shortest amount of testing time. Teachers analyze the data they get from the Star Assessments to learn what students already know and what they are ready to learn next, to monitor student growth, and to determine which students may need additional help. Website for parent information: rennaissance/2016/09/09/parents-guide-assessments	Local school district	35 minutes each session.	Once each quarter. Kindergarten: Depends on if and when the student has mastered enough skills to be able to take the assessment.	Results are sent home with students after completion of the assessment.
WIDA Screener Online	Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing	Grades 1-12	Aides in identifying students in grades 1-12 whether they are English Language Learners (ELLs). Assesses each of the 4 language domains of listening, speaking, reading, writing.	SD Department of Education	Individualized	Individualized	Results given to parents upon the school receiving the results.
Math & ELA Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs)	ELA, Math, Science	Grades - 3-8 & high school	IABs are formative assessments that allow teachers to check student progress throughout the year, giving them information they can use to improve their instruction and help students to meet the challenge of college and career ready standards. https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/interim.aspx	Teacher	Sessions are untimed. Typical time is 30-50 minutes. Use depends on teacher.	Individualized. Each block can be given up to 2 times in a school year.	IABs are not intended for public use, display or distribution.

Math & ELA Focused Interim Assessment Blocks (FAIBs). https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/interim.aspx	ELA, Math, Science	Grades 3-8 & high school	FAIB's are formative assessments that allow teachers to check student progress throughout the year, giving them information they can use to improve their instruction and help students meet the challenge of college and career ready standards. The FAIBs are shorter than the IABs and break the standards down even further. https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/interim.aspx	Teacher	Sessions are untimed. Typical time is within a 50 minute class period. Use depends on teacher.	Individualized. Each block can be given up to 2 times in a school year.	FAIBs are not intended for public use, display or distribution.
Interim Comprehensive Assessment (ICAs)	ELA, Math, Science	Grades 3-8 & high school	ICAs measure a similar range of content as the summative assessments and assess similar claims, targets, and standards. https://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/interim.aspx	Teacher	Sessions are untimed. Use depends on teacher.	Grades 3-5: 6 hours. Grades 6-8: 6.5 hours, Grade 11: 7.5 hours	ICAs are not intended for public use, display or distribution.
XELLO/SDMyLife Career Interest Assessment	Career Interests	Grades 6-11	This assessment matches students' interests with career clusters. Students view results and possible careers that match their interests. sdmylife.com	School Counselor. State requires the assessment in 10th Grade	Sessions are untimed. Typical time is 20 minutes.	Throughout the school year	Students have immediate results. The results are available to parents via the student's XELLO/SDMyLife account.
XELLO/SDMyLife Skills Lab	Skills as related to careers	Grade 10	This assessment has students assess how much they would like having to do a particular skill in their future career. sdmylife.com	State requires in 10th grade	Session is untimed. Typical time is 15 minutes.	January	Students have immediate results. The results are available to parents via the student's XELLO/SDMyLife account.
National Career Readiness Assessment (NCRC)	Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, Reading for Information	Grade 11	The NCRC is an industry-recognized, portable credential certifying essential skills needed for workplace success. To earn certification, students must attain at least the lowest certification level on the three ACT WorkKeys assessments. These results are also used as a part of the school district's accountability report card. https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/ncrc/default.aspx	Local school district	Three hours	Fall Semester	Students receive results after the school receives them and share with parents.

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)	General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Mathematics Knowledge, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Electronics Information, Auto & Shop Information, Mechanical Comprehension	Grade 11	The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. https://www.asvabprogram.com/	Local school district	Three Hours	November	Students receive results after the school receives them and share with parents.
Pre-ACT	Math, Reading, English, Science	Grade 10	The Pre-ACT empowers 10th grade students with a unique ACT test practice experience. Scores provide valuable insights into students' predicted performance on the ACT and help inform important high school course decisions. Pre-ACT reporting includes both academic and career indicators, which are designed to identify strengths and areas of improvement, providing a complete view of students' college and career readiness. https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/preact.html	Optional	Three Hours	October-November	Students receive results after the school receives them and share with parents.
Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)	Reading, Writing, Language, Math	Grade 11	The PSAT assesses readiness for college and is practice for the SAT. https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt	Optional	Three Hours	October-November	Students receive results after the school receives them and share with parents.
American College Test (ACT)	Math, Reading, English, Science, Optional Writing	Grade 11	The ACT is the national's most popular college entrance exam accepted and valued by all universities and colleges in the United States. The test is based on what students learn in high school and provides personalized information about their strengths and areas of need for education and career planning. For further info to to www.actstudent.org	Optional	Three and a half hours	Gettysburg is a test site for the April test date	Students, parents, and the school receive results at the same time, approximately 3 weeks after the test date.