

The Cheyenne-Eagle Butte School District administers a wide variety of assessments to our students on an annual basis. Some of the tests are specific for only certain grade levels while others are administered at every grade. A majority of the tests are devised to test English Language Arts (ELA), math, and science. Below you will find a list of the assessments along with an explanation of each standardized test. If you have questions that are not addressed below feel free to contact the principal of the school(s) your student attends.

ACCESS and ACCESS Alt (EL students)
Grades K-12

ACCESS 2.0 and ACCESS Alt's testing window runs from Jan. 25 – March 12, 2021.

This test is for EL (English Learners) within the district. English Learners are classified as students who do not speak English, or speak English as a second language. There is an extremely small number of students who take this test at C-EB. For the few if any that do take the test, a report of results is placed in his or her cumulative folder and a copy is sent home to the parents at the end of the school year.

More information about ACCESS can be found at: <http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/>

STARS (ELA and Math Assessment)
Grades K-5

The STARS assessment is given in the fall of each year. The testing primarily takes place within the first few weeks of school to assess incoming knowledge. This test helps indicate strengths and weaknesses that can then be addressed within each grade level.

Home School Testing (ELA and Math)
Grades 4, 8, and 11

The Home School Testing Window is March 22 – April 16, 2021. Most of the home school students in these grades that need tested attend Windswept Academy where a test is given. For those that do not attend Windswept a letter is mailed out and test booklets are ordered. The parent then picks up the test from the school and administers the test within the home. More information about Home School Testing can be found at: <http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/>

SD ELA and Math Alternative Assessments (Alternate ELA and Math)
Grades 3-8 and 11

The MSAA Testing Window is from March 15 – April 30, 2021. The ELA and math assessment is administered to approximately 1% of the students within our school who require more accommodations than the Smarter Balanced Test is designed for. The results of this test usually does not arrive back to our school until the late summer. At that point the results are mailed home to parents and a record is kept in the cumulative file of the student. More information can be found at:

<http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/>

NAEP – National Assessment of Educational Progress (ELA and Math)/**POSTPONED FOR 20-21**
Grades 4 and 8

NAEP is given every other year within South Dakota to a random sampling of schools. This is a year that NAEP will be administered, but the assessment window as of the end of August 2020 has yet to be set. The results from NAEP are collected and analyzed as a state in comparison to other states across the nation. There is no individual data from NAEP and its sole purpose is to summarize education across state lines. More information about NAEP can be found at: <http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/>

NWEA/Maps (ELA, Math, and Science)
Grades K-12

NWEA is normally conducted in September, again in December/January and for the last time in early May. **Due to the pandemic this year's NWEA Testing may be modified in terms of when testing takes place as well as the number of times the student is actually tested.** The results of NWEA are provided to parents during parent teacher conferences. If the parent does not come in for conferences then the results are mailed home. The results from the last test are mailed home when school is out. These results are used internally by the school to showcase areas of strengths and needs of each child. This data is then used to focus on specific needs of each child.

SD ELA and Math General Assessments (ELA and Math Assessment)
Grades 3-8 and 11

The testing window is from March 8 - May 7, 2021. This is the primary test for students in regards to the School Report Card that comes out every fall. Results from the tests are placed in cumulative folders and mailed out to parents usually with the 4th quarter report card in late May or early June. More information about the test can be found at: <http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/>

South Dakota Science and South Dakota Science Alt (Science)
Grades 5, 8 and 11

The South Dakota Science/Science Alt Testing Window is from March 8 – May 7, 2021. This will be the first year on the new testing platform. This test was originally scheduled to begin in the spring of 2020. However because there was no testing in 2020 this will be the initial year of the test. Data from this test will set the benchmarks for the following years. There will not be much in the way of individual results from this test due to it being a benchmark test. For more information please go to: <http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/>