Assessment Transparency Guide
Miller School District 29-4
School Year 2025-26

Name of Assessment	Subject Matter Assessed	Grades Administered	Purpose for how it is designed and used	Source of Requirement	Approximate Time	Dates Administered (approximate)	Reporting Results
Smarter Balanced Assessment	Mathematics, ELA	3-8	State required summative assessment measuring English Language Arts and Math achievement.	SD DOE	Estimated testing time: ELA 3-4 hours Math 2-4 hours	March 23 — May 1, 2026	Mailed to parents in the spring.
South Dakota ELA & Math Alternate Assessments	Mathematics, ELA	3-8	State required summative assessment measuring English Language Arts and Math achievement for students with most severe cognitive disabilities	SD DOE	Testing times vary greatly between testing participants.	March 23 — May 1, 2026	Mailed to parents once available.
South Dakota Science Assessment	Science	5, 8	State required summative assessment measuring science achievement.	SD DOE	Estimated testing time: 1.5-3 hours	March 23 — May 1, 2026	Mailed to parents once available.
South Dakota Science Alternative Assessment	Science	5, 8	State required summative assessment measuring science Achievement for students with most severe cognitive disabilities.	SD DOE	Testing times vary greatly between testing participants.	March 23 — May 1, 2026	Mailed to parents once available.
WIDA EL Screening Assessments	Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening	K-12	When identified students enter the district to determine eligibility for English Language (EL) services	SD DOE	Estimated testing time: 1.5 hours	Upon arrival to district	Mailed to parents with letter regarding eligibility for services
ACCESS & ACCESS Alternative (for EL students)	English Language Proficiency	K-12	Used to assess English Language Proficiency and continued eligibility for English Language (EL) services	SD DOE	Testing times vary greatly between testing participants.	Jan. 26 - Feb. 26, 2026	Mailed to parents
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	Reading, Math, (every other year – chosen by random)	4, 8 & 12	NAEP was first administered in 1969 to measure student achievement nationally. In 1990, NAEP was administered at the state level for the first time. Students in grades 4 and 8 are currently assessed at the national and state levels in mathematics and reading every two years and in other subjects periodically.	SD DOE	Testing times vary greatly between testing participants.	January – March 2026	Data only reported at state level. No individual student data collected.
STAR	Math, Reading	K-6	STAR reading assesses reading comprehension and related skills. STAR Math tracks development in four domains: Numbers and Operations, Algebra, Geometry and Measurement, Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability.	District Requirement	Estimate testing time: 20 minutes per test; 3x/year.	Fall, Winter, Spring. One exam in each subject (math/reading) per benchmark period.	Shared at parent/teacher conferences
AIMSWeb Plus	Math, Reading	K-9	AimswebPlus® is an assessment, data management, and reporting system that provides national and local performance and growth norms for the screening and progress monitoring of math and reading.	District Requirement	Estimate testing time: 15 minutes per test; 3x/year.	Fall, Winter, Spring. One exam in each subject (math/reading) per benchmark period.	Shared at parent/teacher conferences
Pre-ACT	English, Reading, Math & Science	10	Provides a unique ACT® test practice experience. Scores predict performance on the ACT and help inform important high school course decisions with academic and career indicators that identify strengths and areas for improvement students' college and career readiness. Cost: None	District Requirement	Estimated testing time: 4 hours	January 21, 2026	Results will be discussed with students, then mailed home afterward.
ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)	Military Aptitude	11	Qualification assessment for enlistment in the military as well as various civilian career aptitude & interest information.	District Requirement	Estimated testing time: 3 hours	September 3, 2025	Results will be discussed with students, then mailed home afterward.
ACT	Subject Based	10*, 11 & 12	Four multiple-choice tests—English, mathematics, reading, and science to measure skills for success in postsecondary education. **Cost: $65***	Optional	Estimated testing time: 5 hours	October 15, 2025 & March 11, 2026	Results will be discussed with students and available via MyACT
ACT for SD State Accountability	Subject Based	11	Five multiple-choice tests—English, mathematics, reading, and science to measure skills for success in postsecondary education. **Cost: FREE**	Optional	Estimated testing time: 5 hours	February 4 – April 3, 2026	Results will be discussed with students and available via MyACT

Advanced Placement Testing (AP)	Subject Based	12	College-level exams on specific subjects administered in May upon the completion of an AP course taken at a student's high school **Cost: $99* per exam**	Optional	Estimated testing time: 4 hours	May 2026 Date varies by subject	Results received in summer via AP website.

Dates Administered will be updated and listed on the District Calendar once they are available.

*All testing prices listed subject to change