Assessment Guide
Henry School District
School Year 2026-2027

Name of Assessment	Subject Matter Assessed	Grades Administered	Purpose for how it is used & designed	Source of Requirement	Approximate time spent when administered	Dates Administered (Approximate)	Reporting Results
STAR	Reading	K-5	STAR reading assesses reading comprehension and related skills.	District	Estimated 30 minutes per test	Fall, Winter, & Spring	Results are given to students & shared at parent teacher conferences.
Smarter Balance Assessments	Mathematics, ELA	3-8, 11	State required summative assessment measuring Math & English Language Arts achievement.	SD Department of Education	Estimated testing time: Math 2-4 hours ELA 3-4 hours	March 29th-May 7, 2027 To be announced the exact starting date.	Mailed to parents once available. Estimated the end of May 2026.
South Dakota Science Assessment	Science	5,8, 11	State required summative assessment measuring science achievement.	SD Department of Education	Estimated testing time: 1.5-3 hours	March 29th-May 7, 2027 To be announced the exact starting date.	Mailed to parents once available. Estimated the end of May 2026.
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	Reading, Math (*this is every other year)*	4 & 8	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 Department of Education	Testing times vary between testing participants	*4th and 8th graders will participate in this in the Spring.* *Henry did this in 2026. So no one will be doing this assessment until Spring of 2028.*	Data only reported at state level. No individual student data collected.
NWEA Map	Reading, Language, & Math	K-11	To assess the student's level & growth in those areas throughout the year.	District Requirement	Estimated 1 hour per test; 3 subject tests.	Fall, Winter, & Spring	Results for all year, are mailed to parents after Spring test.
ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)	Military Aptitude	11th or 12 graders	Qualifications assessment for enlistment in the military as well as various mechanical aptitudes.	Military Admissions	Estimated testing time: 3 hours	Only given upon student request.	Results will be discussed with students once results have been received.

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ACT (American College Testing)	English, Mathematics, Reading, & Scientific Reasoning	11 (Ambitious 10th graders can take it, & seniors that want to increase scores)	The ACT is a standardized test used for college admissions in the United States. It assesses the current level of the participants 4 academic skills area.	SD Department of Education Most Post-Secondary Educational Institutions	Estimated 3.5 hours	Window 1: March 9-12, March 15-19, 2027 Or Window 2: March 23-26, March 29-31, April 1-2, 2027	Results will be sent to students directly from the ACT site in email form.
South Dakota ELA & Math Alternative Assessments	ELA & Mathematics	3-8, 11	Students with the most severe cognitive disabilities. (only less than 1% of school population can be tested)	SD Department of Education	Testing times vary between testing participants	March 8 - April 23, 2027	Mailed to parents once available.
South Dakota Science Alternative Assessments	Science	5,8, 11	Students with the most severe cognitive disabilities.	SD Department of Education	Testing times vary between testing participants	March 29 - May 7, 2027	Mailed to Parents once Available.
WIDA EL Assessments (for EL students)	Reading, Writing, Speaking, & Listening	K-12	When students enter the district to determine eligibility for EL services.	SD Department of Education	Estimated testing time: 1.5 hours	*No Students participating in this assessment this year*	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 & continued.	SD Department of Education	Testing times vary between testing participants	*No Students participating in this assessment this year*	Mailed to parents.