

Assessment News Alert

This message was sent to assessment coordinators in public school districts and several approved programs and non-public school systems.

Math, ELA, Science, and Alternate Assessment Updates

Submitting a Medical Exemption. In rare instances, a student may be unable to participate in any part of the assessment due to **significant** and **documented** and **fully incapacitating medical emergency** that **extends through the end of each testing window**. For such situations, the DOE may provide a medical exemption if the student was unable to receive instruction for the duration of the testing window. The Medical Exemption Form will be available in TIDE under Forms starting Monday, April 29 through **Friday, May 10**. This is the only opportunity to submit a medical exemption request. Just a reminder, the district must provide evidence that the student was unable to receive instruction for the entire testing window and include documentation from a medical professional.

Sending Results Home. Once all your students' results are in the Reporting System, you can send the Individual Student Reports (ISRs) home to families. Please do this as soon as possible for math, ELA, science, and science-alt. Directions for printing ISRs are below. MSAA results will not be available until July or August.

How to Print Individual Student Reports training-

<https://sd.portal.cambiumast.com/resources/educators/reporting-system-video-series/how-to-print-individual-student-reports-isr-and-student-data-files>

Printing ISRs Guide - <https://sd.portal.cambiumast.com/resources/educators/quick-guide-to-generating-and-exporting-individual-student-reports>

Science Assessment Opportunity (Please share with your science and SPED teachers). The Office of Assessment & Accountability is currently looking for participants for our South Dakota Summer Content Item Review Meeting on **August 7 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. CT**. During this meeting, participants will be reviewing items for the South Dakota Science assessments. This meeting will have a review for both General Education and Alternate Assessment items. You are receiving this communication because we believe your expertise will prove invaluable for this important work. For those who are interested, this will be an **in-person meeting in Pierre**. Participants who attend will be compensated for their time with \$125.00, and travel will be reimbursed. We ask that you please consider participating in this opportunity by completing this [application](#) by **Friday, May 17**. Please let us know if you have questions. Thank you!

Math/ELA Opportunity (Please share with your math and ELA teachers). Every year, educators are needed to help strengthen South Dakota's Math and ELA assessments. The events currently planned for 2024 are below. **These events are all virtual**. Participating teachers will receive a stipend for educator events they participate in, while on non-working time (e.g. summer break). Substitute reimbursement is provided to schools that request it, if they are on contract. If you are interested in any of the events below, please fill out this [form](#). For those interested, please have the form filled out by **Friday, May 17**.

ELA Passage Review, May 28 - 30, 2024

Math Rangefinding, Late July 2024

Math and ELA Data Review, August 2024

Math Item Review, Oct. 14 - 18, 2024

Two ELA Item Reviews, Aug. 8 - 9, 2024 and Nov. 12 - 14, 2024