

Assessment Guide
McIntosh School District
School Year 2024-2025

Name of Assessment	Grades	Purpose of the test (what is it designed for and how are the results used)	Approximate time Spent taking the test when Administered	Dates Administered (state window and district dates)	Disseminating of Results
NWEA MAP Growth	Grades K-12	Determine students' ELA, Math and Science current level and needs.	1 hour per subject area	8/7 to 8/19, 12/2 to 12/12; 4/21 to 5/9	Given with report cards in Sept. March and May
Acadience	Grades K-6	Determine reading and math fluency	30 min for reading 15 min for math	8/7 to 8/19, 12/2 to 12/12; 4/21 to 5/9	Given with report cards in Sept. March and May
South Dakota ELA and Math Assessments	Grades 3 through 8 and 11	The purpose of the SD ELA and Math Assessments is to measure students' achievement in relation to our state standards in the areas of English language arts and mathematics. In addition to providing overall scores in these two subjects, score reports will also provide information on student performance in the above mentioned assessed areas.	3.5 hours per subject a total of 7 hours	April and May	Sent home with end of year report card.
South Dakota Science Assessment	Grades 5, 8, and 11	The purpose of the South Dakota Science Assessment is to measure students' achievement in relation to our state standards in the area of science. In addition to providing overall scores in this subject, score reports will also provide information on student performance in the above mentioned assessed areas.	3 hours	April and May	Sent home with end of year report card.
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	Grades 4 and/or 8	NAEP, also known as the Nation's Report Card, is a national assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subjects. Its two major goals are to measure student achievement and to report change in student performance over time	2 hours	Winter	Results are included in the State Report Card in the fall of the next school year.
South Dakota ELA and Math Alternate Assessments:	Grades 3-8 & 11	Math and Language Arts for students with severe cognitive disabilities or for students who are English/Language learners.	vary depending on student	April and May	Sent home with end of year report card.
South Dakota Science Alternate Assessment	Grades 3-8 & 11	Science for students with severe cognitive disabilities or for students who are English/Language learners.	vary depending on student	April and May	Sent home with end of year report card.
WIDA	Grades 1st-12th	Identifies/qualifies students for English Language (EL) services, Assesses the content areas: Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking	70 minutes	With in 2 weeks of enrollment	Discussed during team meeting

ACCESS	Grades 1st-12th	Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners. This large-scale test addresses the academic English language proficiency (ELP).	170 minutes	January to February	Discussed during team meeting
American College Testing (ACT) Test	Grades 11 and 12	The ACT is a standardized test used for college admissions in the United States.	4 to 5 hours	February	Results are disseminated by ACT directly to the tester via an online account.
National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)	Grades 11 and 12	The NCRC is a way for students to show prospective employers that they possess the skills required in the workplace and is designed to offer an accurate prediction about the success of people in the workplace	3 hours	Fall	Results are disseminated as soon as possible after they become available during an interpretive session with the school guidance counselor.
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)	Grades 11 and 12	The ASVAB is a high quality, career exploration and planning assessment as well as a military entrance qualifying exam.	3 hours	Fall	Results are disseminated as soon as possible after they become available during an interpretive session with the school guidance counselor.
Skills Lab SDMyLife Assessment	Grade 10	The Skills Lab is a career exploration tool which measures a student's perceived skills and compares the student's skills in various areas to student interests to come up with viable career options for the student.	2 hours	2nd Semester	Results are disseminated as soon as possible after they become available during an interpretive session with the school guidance counselor.
Matchmaker Interest Inventory	Grade 8	The Matchmaker is a career exploration tool designed to measure a student's interests in various tasks and then uses these measured interests to come up with viable career options and career clusters for the student.	1 hour	1st Semester	Results are disseminated as soon as possible after they become available during an interpretive session with the school guidance counselor.