

## State Assessment Information

### Smarter Balance Assessment for Grades 3 through 8 and 11

**Subject Matter Assessed:**

English Language Arts (ELA): reading, writing, listening, and research  
Math: concepts and procedures, problem solving and modeling/data analysis, and communicating reasoning.

**Purpose for Which the Assessment is Designed and Used:**

The purpose of the Smarter Balanced Assessment 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.

**Source of the Requirement for the Assessment:**

State of South Dakota Department of Education

**Amount of Time Students Will Spend Taking the Assessment:**

Approximately 7 hours are required for both assessments combined

**Schedule for the Assessment:**

The SD State Window for this assessment is the first Wednesday in March through the first Friday in May. McIntosh generally tests during the month of April.

**Time and Format for Disseminating Results:**

Results are disseminated as soon as possible after they become available which is within three weeks of test submission. Results are often sent home by the McIntosh District with the final report cards in late May or early June.

**URL for More Information Regarding the Smarter Balanced Assessment**

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

### South Dakota Science Assessment for Grades 5, 8, and 11

**Subject Matter Assessed:**

Physical Science, Life Science, and Earth/Space Science

**Purpose for Which the Assessment is Designed and Used:**

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.

**Source of the Requirement for the Assessment:**

State of South Dakota Department of Education

**Amount of Time Students Will Spend Taking the Assessment:**

Approximately 3 hours are required for the science assessment.

**Schedule for the Assessment:**

The SD State Window for this assessment is the first Wednesday in April through the first Friday in May. McIntosh generally tests during the month of April.

**Time and Format for Disseminating Results:**

Results are disseminated as soon as possible after they become available which will be in late May. Results are often sent home by the McIntosh District with the final report cards in late May or early June.

**URL for More Information Regarding the South Dakota Science Assessment:**

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

## **National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) for Grades 4 and 8**

Subject Matter Assessed:

Math and Reading

Purpose for Which the Assessment is Designed and Used:

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.

Source of the Requirement for the Assessment:

Federal regulations require that the NAEP be given and that the results be reported on state and district report cards.

Amount of Time Students Will Spend Taking the Assessment:

Approximately 2 hours are required for the NAEP.

Schedule for the Assessment:

The SD State Window for this Assessment is January 28 through March 8, 2019. McIntosh will test on February 26, 2019.

Time and Format for Disseminating Results:

The results are disseminated to the public shortly after the school year begins in the fall when the state and district report card is made public via the McIntosh School website. Information on how to access this report card on the web or via a hard copy is also shared at this time by a letter mailed to all families in the district.

URL for More Information Regarding the NAEP Assessment:

<http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/NAEP.aspx> and at <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents/>

## **Homeschool SAT 10 Assessment for Grades 4, 6 and 8:**

Subject Matter Assessed:

English Language Arts and Math

Purpose for Which the Assessment is Designed and Used:

The purpose of the SAT 10 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.

Source of the Requirement for the Assessment:

State of South Dakota Department of Education

Amount of Time Students Will Spend Taking the Assessment:

Approximately 5 hours are required for both assessments combined

Schedule for the Assessment:

The SD State Window for this assessment is the last week in March and the first three weeks in April. McIntosh usually tests the last week of March and the first week of April. Homeschool instructors will give the test and return the completed assessment to the McIntosh School District Test Coordinator to ship for scoring purposes.

Time and Format for Disseminating Results:

Results are disseminated as soon as possible after they become available which is usually within one month of test submission. Results are often sent home by the McIntosh District in early June.

URL for More Information Regarding the Smarter Balanced Assessment

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

**We also give the following state required assessments as needed for students with severe cognitive disabilities or for students who are English/Language learners. Most academic years these assessments are not needed at the McIntosh District but will be given when necessary. At this time they are not needed for the 18/19 school year.**

**MSAA:** Alternative assessment, Grades 3-8 &11, content areas: Math and Reading, testing times vary. URL for More Information Regarding MSAA: <http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/>

**SDSA-Alt:** Alternative Assessment, Grades 5, 8 &11, content area: Science, testing times vary. URL for More Information Regarding the SDSA-Alt: <http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/>

**WIDA-Screener:** Identifies/qualifies students for EL services, Grades 1st-12th, content areas: Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking, approximately 70 minutes. We would administer this test as soon as possible after a student who required it enrolled in the McIntosh School District.

**ACCESS:** Administered to EL students, Grades 1st-12th, content areas: Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking, approximately 170 minutes. URL for More Information Regarding ACCESS: <http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/>

## **College and Career Assessment Information**

### **National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) for Grade 11**

Subject Matter Assessed:

Applied Math-measures the students' ability to apply mathematical reasoning to work-related problems.

Graphic Literacy-measures students' ability to use information from diagrams, floor plans, tables, graphs, and charts.

Workplace documents-measures students' ability to comprehend work-related reading material from memos to policy manuals.

Purpose for Which the Assessment is Designed and Used:

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. The NCRC can also be used to better match applicant skills to available positions.

Source of the Requirement for the Assessment:

McIntosh School District

Amount of Time Students Will Spend Taking the Assessment:

Approximately 3 hours are required for the NCRC.

Schedule for the Assessment:

The McIntosh School District requests a tester from the Department of Labor and Regulation to give the assessment in the fall of the school year or the McIntosh School District Test Coordinator will give the test remotely. This year the test is on November 2, 2018.

Time and Format for Disseminating Results:

Results are disseminated as soon as possible after they become available during an interpretive session with the school guidance counselor.

URL for More Information Regarding the NCRC:

[www.act.org/certificate/](http://www.act.org/certificate/)

## **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) for Grade 11**

### **Subject Matter Assessed:**

General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Mathematics Knowledge, Electronics Information, Auto and Shop Information, and Mechanical Comprehension.

### **Purpose for Which the Assessment is Designed and Used:**

The ASVAB is a high quality, career exploration and planning assessment as well as a military entrance qualifying exam. The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military

### **Source of the Requirement for the Assessment:**

McIntosh School District

### **Amount of Time Students Will Spend Taking the Assessment:**

Approximately 3 hours are required for the ASVAB.

### **Schedule for the Assessment:**

The McIntosh School District allows a tester from the ASVAB Career Exploration Program to give the battery. This year the test will be given on October 4, 2018.

### **Time and Format for Disseminating Results:**

Results are disseminated as soon as possible after they become available during an interpretive session with the school guidance counselor.

### **URL for More Information Regarding the ASVAB:**

[www.asvabprogram.com](http://www.asvabprogram.com)

## **Career Ability Profiler (CAP) for Grade 10**

### **Subject Matter Assessed:**

Arithmetic Reasoning, Vocabulary, Three-Dimensional Space, Computation, Name Comparison, and Object Matching

### **Purpose for Which the Assessment is Designed and Used:**

The CAP is a career exploration tool which measures a student's aptitude in the above six areas and compares the student's aptitude in these areas to student interests to come up with viable career options for the student.

### **Source of the Requirement for the Assessment:**

South Dakota Department of Education

### **Amount of Time Students Will Spend Taking the Assessment:**

Approximately 2 hours

### **Schedule for the Assessment:**

The McIntosh School District gives the test during the first semester of the school year.

### **Time and Format for Disseminating Results:**

Results are disseminated as soon as possible after they become available during an interpretive session with the school guidance counselor.

### **URL for More Information Regarding the CAP:**

Speak with the school guidance counselor

## **Matchmaker Interest Inventory for Grade 8**

Subject Matter Assessed:

Career Interests

Purpose for Which the Assessment is Designed and Used:

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.

Source of the Requirement for the Assessment:

South Dakota Department of Education

Amount of Time Students Will Spend Taking the Assessment:

Approximately 1 hour

Schedule for the Assessment:

The McIntosh School District gives the test during the second semester of the school year.

Time and Format for Disseminating Results:

Results are disseminated as soon as possible after they become available during an interpretive session with the school guidance counselor.

URL for More Information Regarding the CAP:

Speak with the school guidance counselor