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The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that all school districts provide transparency in regards to how its learners are assessed. In compliance with ESSA, as well as State and Federal Department of Education mandates, the Harrisburg School District has made public the following list of assessments, their purpose, and approximate time frame. The results of any and all assessments administered by the Harrisburg School District and its staff can be made available to parents/guardians upon request and, when applicable, will be sent home in the form of a score report in a timely manner. **Please note that not every learner takes every assessment listed below.** Any questions regarding assessments can be directed to Dr. Michael Amolins, 6-12 Curriculum Director and K-12 Assessment Coordinator, using the contact information listed above.

ASSESSMENT	PURPOSE	GRADE(S)	TESTING WINDOW
Smarter Balanced Assessment for English Language Arts and Math (approximately 1-2 hours/each)	Official South Dakota Standardized Assessment for ELA and Math Proficiency	3-8, 11	March/April – for specific dates in each building, contact Dr. Amolins
MCAA Assessment for English Language Arts and Math (variable testing time)	Official South Dakota Alternate Standardized Assessment for ELA and Math Proficiency for learners with special needs	3-8, 11	March/April – for specific dates in each building, contact Dr. Amolins
South Dakota Science Assessment and South Dakota Science Alternative Assessment (for learners with special needs) (approximately 2-3 hours)	Official South Dakota Standardized Assessment for Science Proficiency	5, 8, 11	March/April – for specific dates in each building, contact Dr. Amolins
NWEA MAP Growth Assessments in Reading, Language Usage, Math (approximately 45-60 minutes)	District, Building, and Classroom-level monitoring of both proficiency and growth for data-driven instructional practices.	Reading K-12; Language Usage 2-12; Math K-12	Tri-Annually: Aug/Sep; Dec/Jan; May
NWEA MAP Growth Assessment in Science (approximately 45-60 minutes)	Local screening Tool for Advanced Science Placement	4-7	May
NWEA Skills Checklist (variable testing time)	Brief, local assessment of mastery on a given topic.	K-2	During each mastery unit.

ACCESS 2.0 and ACCESS 2.0 Alt (variable testing time)	Official South Dakota Standardized Assessment for designated English Learners (ELs)	K-12	February/March – for specific dates in each building, contact Dr. Laurie Wenger
WIDA-ACCESS Placement Test (variable testing time)	Used to measure the English language proficiency of learners who have indicated a primary language other than English on a home language survey, and determining whether or not English language instructional services are needed.	K	Upon entry into the Harrisburg School District. For specific dates in each building, contact Dr. Laurie Wenger
WIDA Screener (variable testing time)	Used to measure the English language proficiency of learners who have indicated a primary language other than English on a home language survey, and determining whether or not English language instructional services are needed.	1-12	Upon entry into the Harrisburg School District; For specific dates in each building, contact Dr. Laurie Wenger
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in Math and Reading (approximately 2-3 hours)	Anonymous assessment of progress by the US Department of Education.	4, 8, 12; if applicable (HSD is not always selected for testing)	Variable - will occur once during the school year, if at all.
Developmental Reading Assessment, 2 nd Ed (DRA 2) (brief testing time)	Local progress monitoring of learner literacy.	K-5	K: end of 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th qtr; 1 st : end of each qtr; 2-5: Fall, Winter, Spring. For specific dates, contact your building principal.
DIBELS Next Assessment (brief testing time)	Local progress monitoring of learner literacy	K-2	Fall, Winter, Spring. For specific dates, contact your building principal.
In-Classroom Assessments (variable testing time)	Local formative and summative progress monitoring	PK-12	Daily
ACT Assessment (optional; approximately 3-4 hours)	College Entrance Requirement	Optional (typically 11-12)	Bi-Monthly – see www.act.org for test dates.

PSAT Assessment (optional; approximately 3-4 hours)	National Merit Scholarship Eligibility; Proficiency Assessment	Optional (typically 10-11)	October
SAT Assessment (optional; approximately 3-4 hours)	College Entrance Requirement	Optional (typically 11-12)	7 times per year – see the College Board website for test dates.
Accuplacer (optional; variable testing time)	College/Tech Entrance Requirement	Optional (typically 11-12)	Any Time
ASVAB (optional; approximately 3 hours)	Military Aptitude/Entrance Requirement	12	On-Site in October; Can be administered any time through a recruitment office