

ASSESSMENTS OFFERED AT AVON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Smarter Balanced Assessment: (SBA)

Approximately 60-240 minutes. State mandated Grades 3-8 & 11

Measures student achievement in relation to our state standards in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. The assessment is administered on the computer. Provides meaningful feedback and data that teachers and other educators can use to help students succeed. Dates March 6 – May 3, 2019

Multi State Alternative Assessment: (MSAA) grades contents areas: Math, Reading, testing time varies. State mandated grades 3-8 & 11.

Alternative assessment in the areas of English language arts and Mathematics. Assessment is designed for students with cognitive disabilities. The overall goal of the MSAA is to make sure that all students achieve increasingly higher academic outcomes and leave high school ready for such post-high school options such as college, technical schools, a career, and (or) community participation. Dates March 11- May 3, 2019

South Dakota Science Alternate Assessment: (SDSA) Grades 5-8-11, content areas: Science, testing times vary. State mandated assessment administered on the computer.

Dates April 1 – May 3, 2019

National Assessment of Educational Progress: (NAEP) Also referred to as “the National’s Report Card” is the only nationally representative and continuing 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. The NAEP for Math and Reading will be administered to many South Dakota students in 2019. The NAEP is given to a sampling of students across the nation. Results are not available for schools or individual students. Grades 4 and 8 are tested. approximately 120 minutes. State and federal mandated. Testing dates- January 28 – March 8. Test is administered by the DOE every 2 years.

National Career Readiness Certificate: (NCRC) The South Dakota Department (DOE) and the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) offer juniors and seniors the opportunity to participate in the NCRC program.

The NCRC is an industry-recognized, portable credential certifying essential skills needed for workplace success. To earn certification, students must attain at least the lower certification level on three workKeys assessment: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and locating information. The vital initiative is part of the DOE’S goal to ensure that, “All students graduate college, career and life ready. State recommended and district required to juniors. This initiative can help students demonstrate they are ready for the workplace as they enter the

workforce immediately after graduation of pursue further post-secondary education. Time is 55 minutes per session. (3 sessions). Testing date will be in February, 2019

Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Batter: (ASVAB)- consists of eight tests: General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Work Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Mathematics Knowledge, Electronics information, Auto and Shop Information, and Mechanical Comprehension. Three special career exploration scores—Verbal Skills, Math Skills, and Science and Technical Skills are derived from these tests which students use to explore the world-of-work. The student is allowed to complete the battery of tests at your own pace. (approx. 90 minutes). The ASVAB is a career exploration program and can help students make big decisions, either military or civilian.

The ASVAB program helps students;

Identify, understand, and organize information about their interests, skills, and work-related values;

Identify suitable occupations to investigate and pursue based on their own interests, values, skills, and competencies; and

Use career information resources to explore further occupations.

Military personnel administers the battery as well as interprets the test scores to the students.

Test date varies but the one for the 2018-19 school year is Oct. 19, 2018