

NDSA Factsheet 2022-23

This factsheet contains important information about the 2022–2023 North Dakota State Assessments (NDSA) in English Language Arts (ELA), math, and science.

IMPORTANT DATES

NDSA Testing Window	
March 13, 2022 - May 5, 2022	
TIDE	
Users	September 28, 2022
Students (Rosters, Test Tool settings)	January 19, 2023
Non-Participation Code Entry	April 24 - May 19, 2023
TA Certification Course Go-Live	
September 28, 2022	

ONLINE TESTS ADMINISTERED IN 2022-2023

The North Dakota State Assessment will include the following:

Subject	Grades	Spanish Test Available	Braille Format Available	Training Tests Available (English and Spanish)
Reading*	3-8, 10	N/A	x	x
Writing*	3-8, 10	N/A	x	x
Math	3-8, 10	x	x	x
Science	4, 8, 10	x	x	x

*Reading and Writing must **both** taken to receive an ELA score

- Interim assessments are **not** administered by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction.

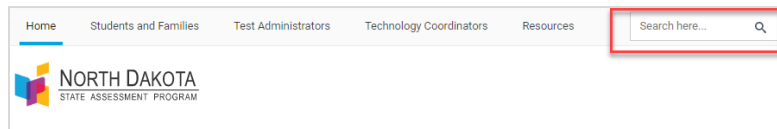
WHAT'S NEW IN 2022-2023?

SECURE BROWSER

- Secure Browser 2022-23 is available for download. The previous Secure Browser must be uninstalled prior to downloading the new secure browser.
- Mobile Secure Browser version 8.0 is available for download in the Apple App store for iOS and the Chrome Web Store for Chrome. The previous version of Mobile Secure Browser will be deactivated on August 31, 2022.
- The [Technology Guides](#) are now available in HTML format on the NDSA portal.

PORTAL UPDATES

- Global Search Tool Bar is available on the portal with a more accessible search bar to provide more relevant search results.



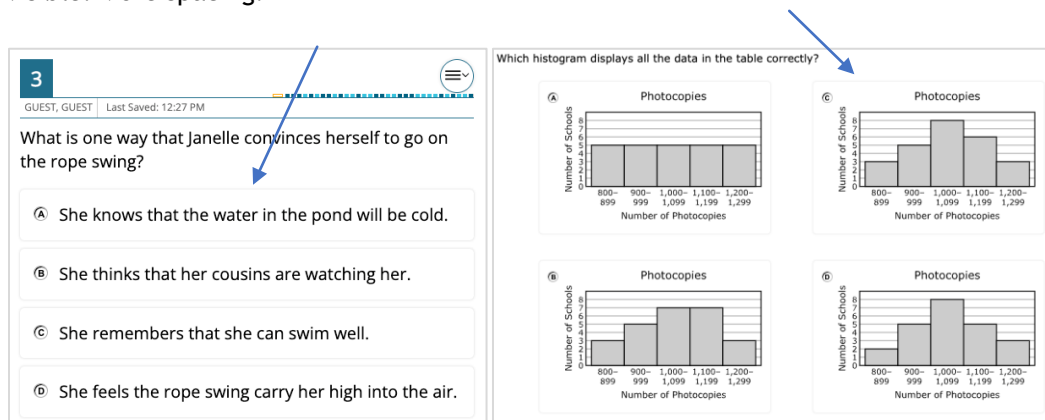
- Help Desk Chat Feature - An alternative option to communicate with the NDSA Service Desk.
- The [Technology Guides](#) are now available in HTML format on the NDSA portal.

TIDE UPDATES

- Student Transfers Report (DA/DTC)
 - Provides detailed information on students transferring in and out, to what district and school and by what user.
- Student Roster Membership (All roles)
 - Easier verification that a student has been added to all necessary rosters.
- File Uploads for Non-Participation Codes (DA/DTC/SC)
 - Ability to speed entering non-participation codes for students by using an upload file.

TESTING TOOL UPDATES

- Additional Color Choice Options: White on Red, Red on White, Yellow on Black
- Bounding boxes around MC and MS response options. Fully clickable/touchable real estate easily visible. More spacing.



The screenshot shows a test question interface. On the left, a question is displayed: "What is one way that Janelle convinces herself to go on the rope swing?" with four multiple-choice options labeled A, B, C, and D. A blue arrow points from the question text to the options. On the right, a question is displayed: "Which histogram displays all the data in the table correctly?" with four histogram options labeled A, B, C, and D. A blue arrow points from the question text to the histograms. Each histogram has a y-axis labeled "Number of Schools" and an x-axis labeled "Number of Photocopies". The histograms show different distributions of data across five categories of photocopies.

- Enhanced content presentation for better visibility and usability for videos and slideshows. All videos in the content will use the full real-estate to make them much easier to see.
- Internationalization of the periodic table to support Spanish.
- Integration with Oxford University Press to supply a monolingual Spanish dictionary.

PREPARING FOR TESTING

- Each test administrator must have an account in TIDE to administer online assessments. If you do not have a TIDE account, contact your School Test Coordinator or District Test Coordinator. Your TIDE account provides access to all CAI systems.
- If you were registered in TIDE last year, you will be required to update your password.
- The online TA Certification Course must be completed by all test administrators prior to administering the NDSA assessment. Test administrators must take the course regardless if taken last year.

VIRTUAL ACADEMIES

- Remote testing is not available for any school or district, this includes virtual schools. Arrangements should be made with local district and school for in-person testing. Refer to the [Virtual Academies Checklist](#) on the NDSA Portal for further instructions.

ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATIONS

- NDSA Portal site is compliant with WCAG 2.0 AA standards.
- Ensure all student test settings are correctly set in TIDE at least 24 hours before the test administration.
- Paper-pencil accommodations are not being offered this year. However, zoom and print-on-demand accommodations are available.
- A Spanish language designated support is available on math and science assessments. The [Spanish Quick Guide](#) is available on the NDSA portal for further help setting up this accommodation.
- Detailed information on universal tools, designated supports, and accommodations can be found in the [NDSA Accessibility Manual](#) and the [TIDE User Guide](#) located in the resources section of the NDSA Portal.
- Headphones should be made available to students as text to speech is available to all students.

TEST ADMINISTRATION

TRAINING TESTS

Training tests are available on the portal for ELA, math, and science. Administration of the tests is an opportunity for the TA and the student to familiarize themselves with the testing environment, testing interface, and tools prior to testing. Student may take the training tests as many times as desired using any supported browser.

Cluster Tests have been added to the training tests this year. Clusters are test items that are designed to assess multiple standards within a specific English Language Arts (ELA) or mathematics context. The [Cluster Test explanation guide](#) can be found on the NDSA portal. Students taking the training test in the secure browser will be able to test out the embedded speech to text feature.

OPERATIONAL TESTS

Students must take the NDSA operational tests using the secure browser. Ensure that the secure browser is installed on all testing devices in advance of administration. Students have only a single opportunity to take each assessment in the NDSA. If a test is not submitted by the end of the testing window, it will be marked complete and scored if the participation requirements are met as mentioned in the [NDSA Participation rules and Non-participation codes document](#).

ARE THERE STOPPING POINTS TO THE TEST? DO TEACHERS JUST PICK WHEN TO STOP?

The tests in each subject can be administered in multiple time segments. The segments do not need to be based on the number of questions completed. Students can start up in a new session where they left off in the last session. However, students will not be able to go back to questions from previous sessions. As a good practice to follow, for example, if students have a 60-minute test period, the TA can tell students after 50 minutes that they have 10 minutes left to review everything they have completed.

IS THERE A WAITING PERIOD BETWEEN READING AND WRITING?

The ELA portion of the 2021-2022 NDSA will be administered as **2 separate tests** (Reading and Writing). Test administrators will have the option to administer both the Reading and Writing in 1 test session or to break up the administration of the test into 2 separate sessions. This will allow test administrators to administer the Reading and Writing tests on different days, if preferred.

CAN YOU PAUSE A WRITING TEST?

On Writing Tests, take care to use **Pause** in the upper right corner of the student's test when a student will need to return to their response. Use the **End Test** in the upper left corner when the student is ready to submit the test for scoring.

SCORE REPORTING

- Scores from the Math, ELA, and Science tests will generally be available upon completion of testing in “near real-time.”
- ELA scores will be available only after **both** the Reading and Writing have been completed.
- Some tests may necessitate human scoring for writing prompts. For tests requiring human scoring it will take up to 10 business days after completion of testing for scores to be posted on Reporting.
- Authorized users can access scores and performance information for prior school years on Reporting.
- The School Coordinator or above must create a Roster for a Teacher or Test Administrator to view score reports in the Reporting system.

WRITING - PROMPT COPY MATCH

Student responses should consist primarily of original writing. If 70% or more of the student response matches text from passages in the Writing test, the student may receive the condition code Prompt Copy Match. Even though we expect students to cite text from the passages, the cited text cannot exceed 70%. A Writing score of zero is assigned to students who receive the condition code Prompt Copy Match. If a student has completed the Reading test and received a zero on the Writing test, they will not receive an overall ELA score.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please consult the [NDSA Portal](#) for more information on assessment systems and test administration resources.

CONTACT THE NDSA HELP DESK

For questions and technical assistance, please contact the NDSA Help Desk by email at ndsaservicecenter@cambiumassessment.com or by phone (toll-free) at 1-855-873-5715.

Help Desk Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Central Time)