

Nome Public Schools Board Report  
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**Mission Statement:** We inspire and empower students to be culturally grounded responsible citizens who are deeply connected to our community and world.

**Vision Statement:** Together, strong in identity, purpose, potential

**Assessments:**

AKSTAR and Science testing went well.

Below is information for District Test Coordinators (DTC):

Assessment Reports – 2026, Results Released to Districts, WIDA dates

Assessment Reports - 2026	AK STAR	Alaska Science Assessment	WIDA ACCESS	DLM Alternate Assessment	Alaska Developmental Profile
<b>Individual Student Report (ISR)</b> Provides individual student's scale score, achievement level, comparison to other students, and performance on sub-categories	X	X	X	X	
<b>School Roster Report</b> Some or all information above for each study in a grade level and content area	X	X	X		
<b>School Summary Report</b> Summary results for whole school, district, and state. Number of students tested, percentage in each achievement level, median and mean scale scores	X	X	X		
<b>District Summary Report</b> Summary results for whole district and state. Number of students tested, percentage in each achievement level, median and mean scale scores	X	X	X		
<b>District Student Data File</b> Student level CSV data file for all tested students in the district	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Distribution of results to districts</b>	July 29, 2026		Online score reports available 5/28; printed reports sent to districts by 6/15	June 12, 2026	Were available to districts in November 2025
<b>Public release of spring 2026 results</b>	TBD				December 2025
<b>Accessing reports</b>	AK STAR Administration Portal	DRC Insight Portal	WIDA AMS	KITE Educator Portal	Securely delivered to DTC



# Results Released to Districts



	Results available in the AK STAR Online Reporting System to the following user roles	Results available in the DRC INSIGHT Portal to the following user roles
July 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Test Coordinator</li> <li>Superintendent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Test Coordinator</li> <li>District Report User</li> <li>School Report User</li> </ul>
August 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Administrators</li> <li>Instructors</li> </ul>	

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## WIDA ACCESS Important Dates



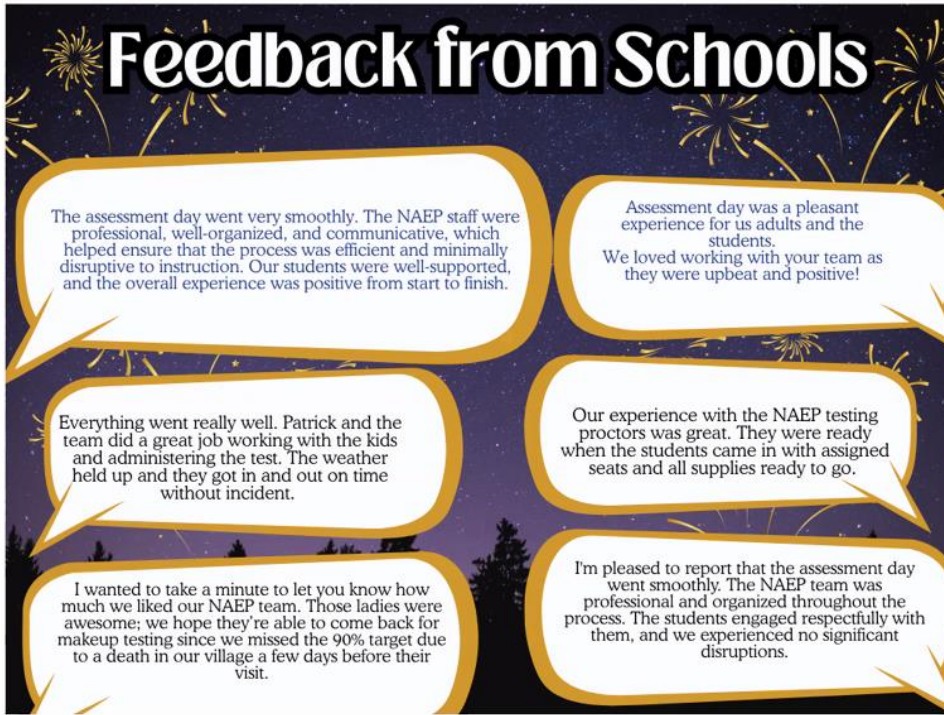
Date	Activity
10/21/25 - 11/17/25	Test materials ordering in WIDA AMS
12/10/25 - 3/31/26	WIDA AMS test setup available for test sessions
12/31/25	ACCESS Alternate Scoring applications due to DEED
1/6/26	Districts receive test materials
1/6/26 - 3/24/26	Additional test materials ordering window in AMS
2/3/26 - 3/31/26	Test Window
4/3/26	Deadline for shipping completed test materials to DRC
5/28/26	Score reports/data files available to districts – Online
6/15/26	Districts receive score reports – Printed

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Nome Elementary School was selected to administer NAEP this school year and was successful in administration, student participation, and relationship building with NAEP staff.

NAEP stands for the **National Assessment of Educational Progress**. Known as "The Nation's Report Card," v



There will be no NAEP Grade 8 testing for SY 2026-2027.

**Curriculum:**

The science teachers presented the draft science curriculum at the recent School Board work session. Had I been aware that this presentation was scheduled, I would have attended, as the development of the science curriculum began last school year and continued through the summer. The teachers have not posted the curriculum for public review and feedback, and I understand they plan to bring a formal recommendation to the Board in June 2026.

In alignment with Board policy, I also developed a Standard Operating Procedures outline to guide administrators and teachers through the curriculum development process. This document was submitted to Jamie Bures for review and feedback. I have not yet received a response, but I remain fully open to any recommendations or revisions needed to ensure the process is clear, consistent, and aligned with district expectations.

A recommendation to Superintendent Jamie Burgess is to elevate curriculum development as a district-wide priority each year – from the superintendent level through directors and school leadership. This commitment is essential for addressing the long-standing curriculum gaps in Nome Public Schools and ensuring that teachers across the district have consistent, research-based curriculum materials to guide instruction.

**Grants:**

On May 7, 2026 State and federal grants were approved the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). State grants were Substantially Approved and Indian Education was approved for submission. A Consolidation option discussion was led by Jamie Burgess. She will provide a survey to parents with an explanation and vote choice. Indian Education grant will be submitted before May 11, 2026 due date. Kudos to Dani Smithhisler who chaired the May 7, 2026 PAC meeting.

Thank you.