

Special Education

The special education department is gearing up to conduct the Annual Child Find activities. The special education department will work with individual site administrators to complete developmental screenings for all children ages 3-5 years of age. This is a required annual event for the school district and includes posters being placed throughout the communities and on social media to announce the screening opportunity, phone calls will be made to parents of eligible children to schedule appointments as well as the actual hearing, vision, and developmental screening of children.

State Assessments

WIDA ACCESS Testing concludes March 31st. The ACCESS Test is an assessment of English language acquisition required by EED for identified Limited English Proficient students that focuses on listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Deidre Jenson and Carol Randolph attended the District Testing Coordinator (DTC) conference from February 23-25. During this training they learned how to maneuver through the state's new AK Star Assessment which replaced the PEAKS assessment in the spring.

Alternate Assessment Spring testing window is open March 21 – May 6, 2022, for all students with significant cognitive disabilities. The Alternate Assessment satisfies the requirement for all students in grades 3-10 to participate in statewide assessments. The Alternate Assessment is a non-diploma track test, based on Alaska standards but measured against alternate achievement goals.

The new AK STAR Spring testing window will be open between March 29, 2022 – April 29, 2022. Students grades 3-9 will participate in the AK STAR and grades 5, 8, and 10 will participate in the Alaska Science Assessment.

The Spring MAPs assessment window is open from May 2, 2022 – May 12, 2022. Actual site testing dates will be announced soon. Measure of Academic Progress (MAPs) is an adaptive achievement and growth test. It creates a personalized assessment experience by adapting to each student's learning level. MAPs measures growth for each individual student.

iReady assessment #3 is scheduled from May 9-19th. iReady is an online program for reading and/or mathematics that will help your student's teacher determine your student's needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year. iReady provides lessons based on the student's individual skill level and needs, so they can learn at a pace that is right for them. I have heard from several teachers this past year about the amount of growth they have seen in their students since the beginning of the school year. Keep up the good work, teachers!

The SAT is scheduled for May 7, 2022, in Thorne Bay. Mail in registration deadline is April 8. Online and call-in registration deadline is April 26th with a late fee of \$30. If you know a junior

or senior that is interested in taking this assessment and needs support with registration, contact Carol Randolph at crandolph@sisd.org. To register, please follow the link below.

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/dates-deadlines>

\$55 registration fee

Location: Thorne Bay

Test Center Code: 02263