

Sioux Falls School District

District Semester Two Test Details

General Directions

1. Semester tests will be given to **all** students enrolled in a course.
2. For tests with a writing portion (Free Response, Essay, or Performance Task) administered the day before the Semester Testing window: students have **one class period** to complete the writing portion of the exam.
3. For tests in which the writing portion is administered the day before, students have **90 minutes** to complete the objective portion of the exam. If both the writing portion and the objective portion are given on the same day, students have **90 minutes** to complete the entire exam.
4. **NEW!** Beginning this year there will be 2 types of supplemental materials for district semester test:

SECURE TESTING MATERIALS	NON-SECURE TESTING MATERIALS
Secure testing materials will be printed by the Assessment Office and sent to the schools. These materials must be kept in a secure location and returned back to the Assessment Office once testing is complete.	Non-secure testing materials have been placed, by your Instructional Coach, in the shared location that is used for your instructional materials. These materials will need to be printed in the building. Once testing is complete materials should be collected and securely destroyed.

The materials that are non-secure and secure are outlined below for each subject. Please review the rest of this document carefully so you are aware of the non-secure materials that will need to be printed ahead of the semester testing dates.

5. Have scratch paper ready to record student responses in case something happens with connectivity or if needed for students with accommodations. **Responses recorded on paper for any reason must be transferred to the online testing platform by a staff member other than the one responsible for daily instruction in order to be scored.**
6. **Test materials must be kept secure at all times** and all SECURE test materials must be returned to Central Services after testing.
7. Makeups will be administered in the buildings. For students needing makeups beyond the semester test window, please contact the staff member designated at your building for makeups. We will work with each building's test proctor to schedule makeup test sessions for your students.

Test Administration

All District Semester Tests will be administered online through Performance Matters (PM). The link for PM is available through ClassLink to all HS and MS teachers. Students will access PM through ClassLink as well.

Performance Matters User Guides:

There are 2 guides available for Performance Matter. Click the link below to access the guide:

1. [Performance Matters District Semester Test Guide](#)
*Contains information regarding releasing, monitoring and pulling results for district semester tests.
*Quick Start Guide is on pages 3-6
2. [Performance Matters User Guide](#)
*Full PM guide including creating test items, scheduling tests, administering test, analyzing results

Practice Tests:

A practice test is available several weeks before the District Semester Test dates. The practice tests are set up by course and are named according to this naming convention: [**Course**] S2 Practice Test (i.e. **English 2** S2 Practice Test)

These tests should not be graded. The purpose of the practice tests is for students to become familiar with the process of taking an online test through Performance Matter.

Details by Subject:

English Language Arts Tests

The Essay portion of the following exams is administered the **day before** the objective portion.

- Acc English 1 S2 District Exam
- Acc English 2 S2 District Exam
- English 1 S2 District Exam
- English 2 S2 District Exam
- Sheltered English 1 S2 District Exam
- Sheltered English 2 S2 District Exam
- Sheltered English 3 S2 District Exam

These tests are set up in two sections for the teacher to release each portion separately (see page 4 of District guide).

→ Section 1: Essay- Release on the day of the essay administration

→ Section 2: Multiple Choice- Release on Day 2

***For Acc English 1, Acc English 2, English 1, and English 2:**

The **day before** the semester test days, teachers will need to:

- release the essay section in Performance Matters for the class; students will review the writing prompt online
- pass out the prewriting outline and essay sources; allow students time to complete the paper portion
- as students are ready, they can begin their drafts in Performance Matters (Not all students may get to this point, but they will have time on the objective test day to complete the essay)
- Collect paper outlines and sources at the end of each class period.
- ***Lock the essay in Performance Matters at the end of each class period***

On Semester Test Days:

- students complete the objective portion of the test in Performance Matters
- teachers will return the paper prewriting documents to students
- teachers will unlock the essays in Performance Matters for students when they are ready to complete their essays

***For Sheltered English 1, Sheltered English 2, and Sheltered English 3:**

- release the essay section in Performance Matters for the class; students will review the writing prompt online
- pass out the prewriting outline; allow students time to complete the paper portion
- as students are ready, they can begin their drafts in Performance Matters (Not all students may get to this point, but they will have time on the objective test day to complete the essay)
- Collect paper outlines at the end of each class period.
- ***Lock the essay in Performance Matters at the end of each class period***

On Semester Test Days:

- students complete the objective portion of the test in Performance Matters
- teachers will return the paper prewriting documents to students
- teachers will unlock the essays in Performance Matters for students when they are ready to complete their essays

***For English 3:**

- essay test only; students will complete the entire essay on the multiple-choice day.

English Language Arts Tests		
SECURE TESTING MATERIALS (Printed by the Assessment Office)		NON-SECURE TESTING MATERIALS (Printed in building)
NONE		• Essay outlines/prewriting/rubrics will need to be printed in the building – 1 per student. Essay prompt is in Performance Matters.

- Essay Sources will be printed in the building – 1 per student, as needed.

Math Tests

The Free Response portion of the following exams is administered the **day before** the multiple-choice portion.

- Acc Algebra 1 S2 District Exam (middle schools only)**
- Acc Geometry S2 District Exam – HS
- Acc Geometry S2 District Exam – MS**

Students will complete the Free Response portion of the test on the paper provided. On the day of the objective portion of the test, students will also answer one question online to create a placeholder for the teacher to assign the Free Response score to. The Free Response online is the last question on the test.

****Middle School only:** the test will be divided into 2 sections. If giving the test in one day release both sections to the students. If giving the test over 2 days release only 1 section on day 1 and release the next section on day 2.

The following tests do not have a Free Response section:

- Acc Algebra 2 S2 District Exam
- Acc Precalculus S2 District Exam
- Algebra 1 S2 District Exam
- Algebra 2 S2 District Exam
- Geometry S2 District Exam

The following test will be administered on one day but has two sections: a No Calc and a Calc Section

- Algebra 2 S2 District Exam

Tests with Formula Sheets/Resources:

- Acc Precalculus
- Acc Algebra 2
- Algebra 2
- Acc Geometry
- Geometry

Math Tests		
SECURE TESTING MATERIALS (Printed by the Assessment Office)		NON-SECURE TESTING MATERIALS (Printed in building)
● Acc Algebra 1 S1 Free Response – 1 per student ● Acc Geometry S1 Free Response – 1 per student		● Formula/Resource Sheets will need to be printed in the building – 1 per student. ● Acc Geometry and Geometry Visuals Sheets will need to be printed in the building – 1 per student.

Personal Finance

The Essay portion of the following exams are administered the **day before** the objective portion.

- Personal Finance S1 District Exam
- Sheltered Personal Finance S1 District Exam

These tests are set up in two sections for the teacher to release each portion separately (see page 4 of District guide)

- Section 1: Essay- Release on the day of the essay administration
- Section 2: Objective- Release on Day 2 of testing

Personal Finance Tests

SECURE TESTING MATERIALS (Printed by the Assessment Office)	NON-SECURE TESTING MATERIALS (Printed in building)
• None	• None

Science

The Performance Task portion of the following exams is administered the **day before** the objective portion on the paper provided. On the day of the objective portion of the test, students will answer one question online to create a placeholder for the teacher to assign the Performance Task score to. The online Performance Task question is the last question of the test.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acc Chemistry S2 District Exam • Biology S2 District Exam – HS • Biology S2 District Exam – MS** • Chemistry S2 District Exam • Physics S2 District Exam | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheltered Biology S2 District Exam • Sheltered Chemistry S2 District Exam • Sheltered Physics S2 District Exam • Survey of Biology S2 District Exam • Survey of Chemistry S2 District Exam • Survey of Physics S2 District Exam |
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****Middle School only:** the test will be divided into 2 sections. If giving the test in one day release both sections to the students. If giving the test over 2 days release only 1 section on day 1 and release the next section on day 2.

Tests with Formula Sheets, Periodic Table, or Other Resources:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acc Chemistry (Formula Sheet & Periodic Table) • Chemistry (Formula Sheet & Periodic Table) • Sheltered Chemistry (Formula Sheet & Periodic Table) • Survey of Chemistry (Formula Sheet & Periodic Table) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics (Equations Sheet) • Sheltered Physics (Equations Sheet) • Survey of Physics (Equations Sheet) |
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Science Tests	
SECURE TESTING MATERIALS (Printed by the Assessment Office)	NON-SECURE TESTING MATERIALS (Printed in building)
• Acc Chemistry Perf Task – 1 per student • Biology Perf Task – 1 per student • Chemistry Perf Task – 1 per student • Physics Perf Task – 1 per student • Sheltered Biology Perf Task – 1 per student • Sheltered Chemistry Perf Task – 1 per student • Sheltered Physics Perf Task – 1 per student • Survey of Biology Perf Task – 1 per student • Survey of Chemistry Perf Task – 1 per student • Survey of Physics Perf Task – 1 per student	• Formula/Equation/Resource Sheets will need to be printed in the building – 1 clean copy per student.

Social Studies

The administration of the Essay portion of these tests varies depending on which test is given. The 3 types of essay administration are detailed below.

1. The Essay portion of the following exams is administered on the **same day** as the objective portion. The essay is completed online and is the last question of the test.
 - Government S2 District Exam
 - World History S2 District Exam
 - Sheltered Government S2 District Exam
 - Sheltered World History S2 District
2. The Essay portion of the following exam is administered on the **same day** as the objective portion and will be completed on paper. In addition, the students will need to enter their first and last name in one question online as a placeholder for the essay score. The essay online test question is the last question of the test.
 - Economics S2 District Exam
3. The Essay portion of the following exam is administered the **day before** the objective portion but will be completed on paper. Each student will receive a copy. In addition, the students will need to enter their first and last name in one question online as a placeholder for the essay score. The essay online test question is the last question of the test.
 - Sheltered US History S2 District Exam
4. The Essay portion of the following exams is administered the **day before** the objective portion.
 - Geography S2 District Exam
 - Modern US History S2 District Exam
 - Sheltered Geography S2 District Exam

These tests are set up in two sections for the teacher to release each portion separately (see page 4 of District guide)

→ Section 1: Essay- Release on the day of the essay administration

→ Section 2: Multiple Choice- Release on Day 2 of testing

→ Section 3: Atlas- Release on Day 2 of testing (*Geography S2 District Exam only*)

Social Studies Tests		
SECURE TESTING MATERIALS (Printed by the Assessment Office)		NON-SECURE TESTING MATERIALS (Printed in building)
● Economics S1 Essay – 1 per student ● Rubrics – all subjects		● None

World Language

- Spanish 1 S2 District Exam – HS; Spanish 1 S2 District Exam – MS**
- Spanish 2 S2 District Exam – HS; Spanish 2 S2 District Exam – MS**

****Middle School only:** the test will be divided into 2 sections. If giving the test in one day release both sections to the students. If giving the test over 2 days release only 1 section on day 1 and release the next section on day 2.

Listening Test:

Students will answer the listening questions online and then continue with the rest of the multiple-choice portion of the test.

NOTE: Teachers will be sent a link to a Google Folder containing the audio files for the listening test. CD's will no longer be distributed.

Speaking and Writing:

The speaking and writing portions of the test will be administered before the semester test window according to the directions provided with the test materials. On the day of the objective portion of the test, students will answer one question for the speaking test and one question for the writing test as a placeholder for teachers to assign scores to. The speaking online test question and the writing online test question will be the last two questions of the test.

World Language Tests		
SECURE TESTING MATERIALS		NON-SECURE TESTING MATERIALS
• Spanish 1 S2 Speaking test and rubric • Spanish 2 S2 Speaking test and rubric • Spanish 1 S2 Writing test and rubric • Spanish 2 S2 Writing test and rubric		• None