

State Assessment: Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS)

New NSCAS Summative assessment measures student performance
Takes less time, reveals deeper information, and helps address learning roadblocks

This school year, the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) Summative assessment replaces the Nebraska School Accountability (NeSA) tests in:

- English language arts and math for grades 3–8
- Science for grades 5 and 8

This new, computer-adaptive culminating assessment measures student performance against Nebraska’s content area standards, showing how learning compares to expectations.

The NSCAS (pronounced, “en-skass”) Summative assessment adapts dynamically based on each student’s ability and includes innovative, interactive question formats that engage students and enable them to demonstrate higher order thinking. As a result, it will take less time for students to complete and will provide deeper information about what they know.

Students of all abilities will be able to participate via accommodations and the NSCAS Alternate assessment.

Results from the spring 2018 administration will be available in the fall of 2018. Starting in 2019, results will be available shortly after the close of the testing window, giving parents and educators valuable information about student performance ahead of the next school year.

Each elementary building and the middle school has established the testing schedule within the testing window provided by the state.

Don’t forget to make sure your child(ren) get a good night’s rest, eat breakfast on the day of the assessment, and stay positive!

The dates of testing for Sunset Hills are as follows:

Grade 3

English: 3/27/18, 9:00AM

Math: 4/10/18, 9:00AM

Grade 4: Assman

English: 3/28/18, 9:00AM

Math: 4/12/18, 9:00AM

Grade 4: Ashley-Carnes

English: 3/29/18, 9:00AM

Math: 4/11/18, 9:00AM

Grade 5

Math: 4/10/18, 1:15PM

English: 4/17/18, 10:15AM

Science: 4/24/18, 1:15PM

Grade 6

Math: 4/12/18, 1:15PM

English: 4/18/18, 10:15AM

