## North Dakota Academic Progression of Learning and Understanding of Students

### ND A+

**WHAT?**
ND A+ is an assessment system, replacing the current ND State Assessment (NDSA), that connects:

A statewide **summative assessment** that measures annual grade-level student academic achievement in English language arts (ELA), mathematics, and science, and two optional, state-provided (no cost) **interim assessments** connected to the summative that focus on measuring in-year growth in reading and mathematics.

**WHO?**

**ND A+ summative-assessed grade levels (grades 3-8 & grade 10):**
- Opt-in, no cost ND A+ interim assessments in reading and mathematics administered in Fall and Winter in grades 3 through 8 and grade 10
- ND A+ summative assessment administered in grades 3 through 8 and grade 10 for ELA and mathematics, and grades 4, 8, and 10 for science

**ND A+ interim assessments in non-summative grade levels (grades K-2 & grade 9):**
- Opt-in, no cost ND A+ interim assessments in reading and mathematics made available for Fall, Winter, and Spring administrations, with two administrations required

**WHEN?**

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**WHY?**

1. To better serve our students, educators, and families by creating a connected assessment system that offers school districts state-provided interims in reading and mathematics that are connected to the state’s academic content standards and the ND A+ summative assessment.
2. Support educators in strengthening their understanding of the role assessment plays in improving student learning.
3. North Dakota K-12 academic content standards in ELA and mathematics are currently being updated. The ND A+ will be aligned to these new standards.