

**Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System (NSCAS)**  
**2021-2022 Statewide Summative Assessment Contracts - Summary**



**Contractor: ACT**

Contract Amount: Up to \$1,507,500

Contract Dates: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Contract Summary:

- Administration of NSCAS ACT for all public high school, 3<sup>rd</sup> year cohort students (typically 11<sup>th</sup> graders)
- PreACT option for districts
- Onsite ACT liaison for NDE

**Contractor: Data Recognition Corporation (DRC)**

Contract Amount: Up to \$1,629,281

Contract Dates: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Contract Summary:

- Development and administration of NSCAS Alternate Assessment for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (about 1% of student population):
  - English Language Arts (ELA) – Grades 3-8 & HS
  - Mathematics – Grades 3-8 & HS
  - Science – Grades 5, 8, & HS
- Custom Nebraska assessment with content developed by Nebraska educators.

**Contractor: NWEA**

Contract Amount: Up to \$6,157,922

Contract Dates: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Contract Summary:

- Development and administration of NSCAS General Assessment:
  - English Language Arts (ELA) – Grades 3-8
  - Mathematics – Grades 3-8
  - Science – Grades 5 & 8
- Custom Nebraska assessment with content developed by Nebraska educators:
  - Results used to meet state and Federal accountability requirements



- Contract Includes:
  - NSCAS Interim (i.e. MAP Growth):
    - This optional assessment is made available to districts and can be administered up to three times per year. MAP Growth provide data to be used for instructional purposes.
    - Includes reading, mathematics, language usage, and science.
    - NDE is currently providing MAP Growth for districts for grades K-10
  - NSCAS Formative Assessment Supports:
    - Nebraska Formative Assessment Lead based at NDE.
    - Assessment literacy and content-specific supports.
  - NSCAS Professional Learning:
    - Nebraska Professional Learning Lead based at NDE.
    - MAP Growth Certified Facilitator Program (72 statewide).
    - Custom program to improve the understanding and use of assessment results.
  - Transition to NSCAS Growth:
    - NSCAS Growth is Nebraska's assessment design that incorporates summative and interim aspects.
      - NSCAS Growth is a hybrid of NSCAS General Assessment and NSCAS Interim (MAP Growth).
    - Fully operational in 2022-2023.