

2016–17 Assessment Schedule

The test dates listed below are for assessments administered through the South Carolina Department of Education’s Office of Assessment.

Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Assessments

Districts must administer an assessment to each student in 4-year-old and 5-year-old kindergarten during the first 45 days of the school year and the last 45 days of the school year. For each district, the state will fund the same 4-year-old assessment that was administered during the 2015-16 school year. All districts must administer the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA2) to 5-year-old kindergarten students.

4-Year-Old Kindergarten

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5-Year-Old Kindergarten

DRA2

End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP)

Algebra 1, English 1, Biology 1, and US History and the Constitution

Beginning with fall 2016, EOCEP tests will be administered online only. For the Algebra 1, Biology 1, and US History and the Constitution tests, districts select a 15-day test window, within the state windows shown below. For spring 2017, there is separate writing field test. Since the writing test requires an additional day of testing, the district window for English 1 and the writing fieldtest can be up to eighteen days.

Fall 2016/Winter 2017

State Testing Window
Electronic Reports Available to Schools

December 1, 2016–January 27, 2017
36 hours after testing

Spring 2017

State Testing Window
Electronic Reports Available to Schools

May 1 through the last day of school
36 hours after testing

Summer 2017

State Testing Window
Reports Available to Schools

June 19–July 21, 2017
36 hours after testing

Note: Paper-based testing is available for students with disabilities who cannot take online assessments due to their disabilities, as specified in their IEPs or 504 plans.

The ACT[®], Grade 11

	Online Administration	Paper/Pencil Administration*
2017 State Testing Window	February 28–March 14, 2017	February 28, 2017
Make-up Testing Window		March 21, 2017
Accommodations Testing Window		February 28–March 14, 2017

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ACT WorkKeys[®], Grade 11

	Online Administration	Paper/Pencil Administration*
2017 State Testing Window	March 22–April 19, 2017	March 22, 2017
Make-up Testing Window		April 26, 2017
Accommodations Testing Window		March 22–April 5, 2017

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ACCESS for ELLs[®] and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs[®] English Language Proficiency Assessments, Grades K–12

Testing Window

February 6–March 24, 2017

**South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS)
Science and Social Studies, Grades 4–8**

	Online Administration	Paper/Pencil Administration*
Science and Social Studies	the last thirty days of school	the last thirty days of school

* Paper-based testing is available for students with disabilities who cannot take online assessments due to their disabilities, as specified in their IEPs or 504 plans, or as approved by the State Board of Education.

**SC READY
English Language Arts and Mathematics, Grades 3–8**

	Online Administration	Paper/Pencil Administration*
ELA and Mathematics	the last thirty days of school	the last thirty days of school

* Paper-based testing is available for students with disabilities who cannot take online assessments due to their disabilities, as specified in their IEPs or 504 plans, or as approved by the State Board of Education.

Alternate Assessments

Final dates will be set after a new contractor for alternate assessments is selected.

**South Carolina National Center and State Collaborative (SC-NCSC)
ELA and Mathematics, Ages 8–13 and 16**

Tentative Testing Window

March–April 2017

**South Carolina-Alternate Assessment (SC-Alt)
Science and Social Studies, Ages 9–13; Biology, Age 16**

Tentative Testing Window

March–April 2017

Gifted and Talented Programs

Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) and Iowa Assessments (IA)

Grade 2

Administered as part of the process to identify students for the gifted and talented programs

Testing Window	October 24–November 14, 2016
Reports to Districts	December 12, 2016
CD ROM Data File to Districts	December 12, 2016
Make-up Testing Window	January 16–23, 2017

Performance Task Assessments

Administered as part of the process to identify students for the gifted and talented programs

Testing Window	February 21–March 9, 2017
Reports to District	May 8, 2017

National and International Assessments

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Mathematics, Reading, and Writing, Grades 4 and 8

Districts were notified in June 2016 if schools in the district were selected to participate.

2017 NAEP testing window	January 30–March 10
Only state-level results are available	

Pilot and field tests for international assessments are scheduled for April–May 2017. At this time it is unknown if any South Carolina schools will be involved.