



SC READY Assessment: A Brochure for Parents and Students

Overview

- The South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Assessment (SC READY) program is a statewide assessment in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades 3–8 and science for grades 4 and 6. The SC READY tests measure the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards taught in ELA, Math, and Science classes. These standards are located on the SCDE website: <https://ed.sc.gov/instruction/standards-learning/>
- All students, including students with disabilities and multilingual learners (MLs), must be administered SC READY except for those students who qualify for the South Carolina Alternate Assessment (SC-Alt) as determined by their IEP team.

Testing Window

- The SC READY assessment **must be administered during the last twenty school days** as determined by each district's instructional calendar. Districts and schools will schedule specific testing dates and post these dates to their websites.
- The SCDE requires that districts schedule **grade three testing during the first week** of the testing window due to the need for test scores when making decisions required by the South Carolina Read to Succeed Act.

Test Administration

- The SC READY tests are not timed.
- The ELA test is administered over two days with one session each day. Except for grade 3, ELA sessions 1 and 2 may be administered in any order.
- The math test is administered in one day. In grades 6–8, the math test is divided into a “calculator” section and a “no-calculator” section, both to be administered in one day.

Test Format

- SC READY assessments are administered in a computer-based online format only, with the following exceptions:
 - Students who cannot take online assessments due to their disabilities, as specified in their IEPs or 504 plans, may be tested in a paper-based format.
 - Districts receiving a waiver from the State Board of Education may test in a paper-based format.

Translations/Accessibility

- Parent resources including this brochure, sample score reports, and the Writer's Checklist, are available in multiple languages and in an accessible format compliant with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Go to the Student and Parent Resource webpage for translations, large print documents, and to request other alternate formats: <https://ed.sc.gov/tests/assessment-information/student-and-parent-resources/>

Types of Test Items

- ELA, mathematics, and science tests have test questions with varying degrees of difficulty.
- The ELA test consists of selected response (SR), multi-select (MS) and evidence-based selected response (EBSR) items. The ELA test also includes a Text-Dependent Analysis (TDA) item. The TDA item consists of a passage with a writing task related to the passage. For grades 6–8 only, students may respond to technology enhanced (TE) items by providing their answers through drag and drop items or text highlighting.
- The mathematics test contains SR items (grades 3–8), MS items (grades 5–8), and TE items (grades 6–8). TE items include items such as drag and drop, hot spot, drop down list, keypad input, and constructed-response (type in a number).
- The science test consists of SR, EBSR, and TE item types, such as drag and drop, hot spot (click to select), drop down list, and constructed-response (type a numeric response).

