

SC Ready Parent Information Session

2022-2023

Overview of The South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Assessment (SC READY)

- ▶ SC Ready is a statewide assessment in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics.
- ▶ All students in grades 3-8, including students with disabilities and Multilingual learners (MLs), must be administered SC READY, except those students who qualify for the South Carolina Alternate Assessment (SC-Alt), as determined by their IEP team.
- ▶ The SC READY tests measure the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards taught in ELA and Math classes.

Testing Window

- ▶ May 2, 2023: ELA Day 1
- ▶ May 3, 2023: ELA Day 2
- ▶ May 9, 2023: Math
- ▶ May 11, 2023: Science (4th Grade Only)

SC Ready and Read to Succeed

- ▶ Grade 3 and The South Carolina Read to Succeed Act & The South Carolina Read to Succeed Act requires that students be retained in the third grade if the student fails to demonstrate reading proficiency at the end of the third grade **as indicated by scoring Not Met 1** on the state level assessment.
- ▶ The law specifies six good cause exemptions from mandatory retention; one of these exemptions is student attendance at a Summer Reading Camp.
- ▶ SC READY reading scores will be used to identify students who do not demonstrate proficiency in grade 3 reading and are candidates to attend Summer Reading Camp (one of the six “good cause” exemptions).

Test Format

- ▶ SC READY tests are not timed. Estimated times for the average student are: 1 hour and 40 minutes for ELA Session 1; 1.5 hours for ELA Session 2; and 1.5 hours for Mathematics.
- ▶ The ELA test is administered over two days with one session each day
- ▶ Both Science (4th) and Math (3-5) test area administered in one session in one day.

Test Administration

- ▶ SC READY assessments will be administered in a computer-based 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

Types of Test Items

- ▶ All SC Ready Assessments have test questions with varying degrees of difficulty.
- ▶ Question types include:
 - ▶ Multiple Choice/Selected Response
 - ▶ Multi-select
 - ▶ Technology-enhanced items (may include drag and drop, graphing, constructed-response items (type in a number))
 - ▶ Text-Dependent Analysis (TDA) question, which consists of a passage with a related writing task.

Sample Items

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Read the draft of a student's essay.

Zookeepers spend their days with animals. They learn what the animals like best and how to care for them. Many of the humans and animals form special relationships. The zookeepers are able to watch the animals grow and change over time. Sometimes, there is also an opportunity to feed and care for baby animals that are born in the zoo. What could be more fun and exciting than that?

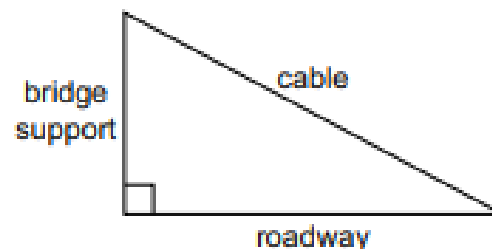
Which sentence would provide the **best** introduction for the paragraph?

- A. I hope to visit the zoo this summer with my family.
- B. Animals such as bears and monkeys can be seen in many zoos.
- C. I think that working at a zoo would be the best type of job.
- D. There are hundreds of zoos in cities around the world.

Key = C

MATHEMATICS

The figure shows a bridge support, a cable, and the roadway of a bridge.



The bridge support is 80 feet tall. The length of the cable is 170 feet. What is the distance, in feet, from the base of the bridge support to the point where the cable connects to the roadway?

- A. 90
- B. 150
- C. 190
- D. 250

Key = B

Test Results

- ▶ The District will receive electronic copies of student score reports by July 12th. **By August, districts will receive paper copies to distribute to parents.**
- ▶ ELA and Math results include scale scores, performance levels, and performance by reporting category.
- ▶ The overall performance levels are: Exceeds Expectations, Meets Expectations, Approaches Expectations, and Does Not Meet Expectations

How can parents prepare their child?

Help your child go into testing with:

- healthy energy
- a positive mindset

A stressed body and brain cannot do their best. Try to reduce (not increase) any stress your child might be feeling.



Healthy Energy meeting the needs of your child's body



Sleep: 9-12 hours



Hydration: Plenty of water day before



Nutrition: Protein, whole grains, produce



Comfortable Clothing: Layers and comfy fabric

Positive Mindset

helping your child feel relaxed and confident

- ▶ Remind your child that they have been preparing and are ready
- ▶ Listen to your child's feelings
- ▶ Talk with them about breathing and "brain breaks" to settle nerves or increase stamina
- ▶ Encourage positive self-talk and be your child's cheerleader
- ▶ Try to avoid morning conflicts
- ▶ Consider ways to add fun to testing days: play a hype song on the way to school, plan a treat for after school, other ideas???

Plan Ahead - as a family

- ▶ Put testing dates on your family calendar. Look at your child's schedule on days prior to testing and consider making changes if needed.
- ▶ Lay out clothes and decide on a breakfast menu the day before.
- ▶ Look at and discuss your child's personal Test Success Plan.

Testing Snapshots

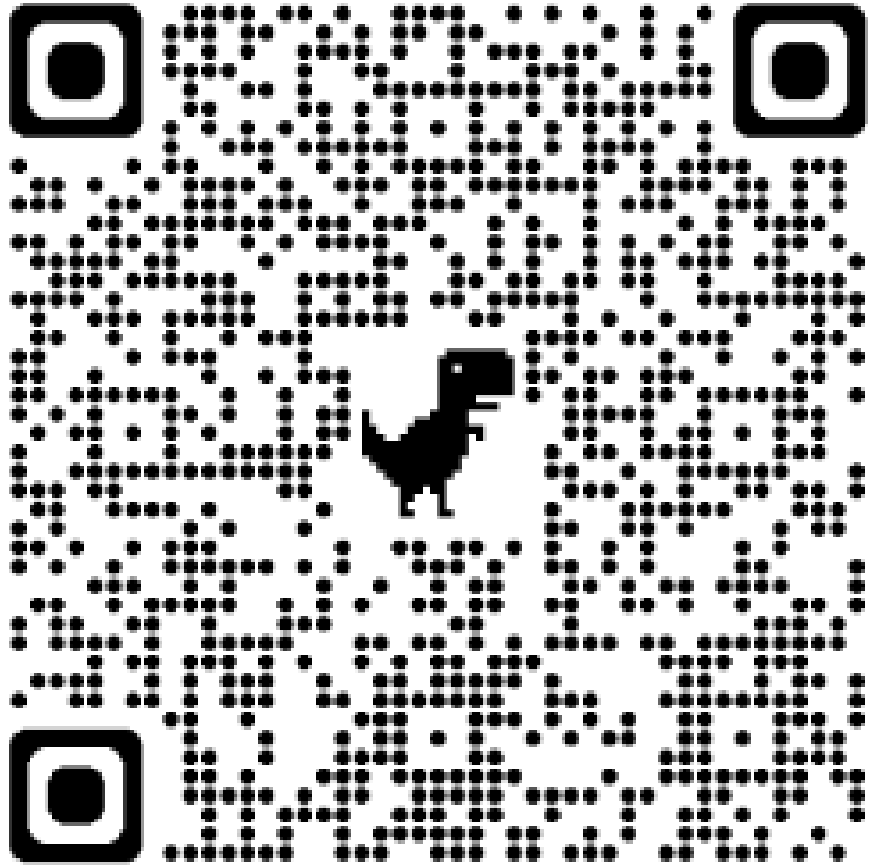


***Please keep in mind that testing only gives us a snapshot of what our students can do abstractly in a given moment.

Your child has so many amazing traits and strengths that make up the full picture of who they are. Take this time to write them an encouraging letter that highlights their strengths.

Share the letter with them before testing begins.

Thank you for coming!



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