



# Carver-Edisto Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This letter is intended to inform you about the SC READY assessments. This year, students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades in South Carolina will take the SC College-and-Career Ready Assessment (SC READY), which is comprised of the ELA (writing and reading), mathematics, science tests and writing (Field Test). Students will test using their school issued device and they should bring their fully charged device with them daily. Limited provisions will be made for students with a damaged or broken device.

Testing will begin at 8:30am daily and will be administered in an online testing format. SC READY tests are aligned to SC state standards and will cover what was taught in your child's classroom during the 2023-2024 school year. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will test on separate days from 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Please see the testing schedule below.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Testing Dates:

Test Name	Test Date
SC Ready Science- 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade ONLY	Wednesday, May 1, 2024
SC Ready ELA (Writing)	Friday, May 3, 2024
SC Ready ELA (Reading)	Tuesday, May 7, 2024
SC Ready Math	Thursday, May 9, 2024
SC Ready Writing Field Test	Tuesday, May 14, 2024

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Testing Dates:

Test Name	Test Date
SC Ready ELA (Writing)	Thursday, May 2, 2024
SC Ready ELA (Reading)	Wednesday, May 8, 2024
SC Ready Math	Friday, May 10, 2024
SC Ready Writing Field Test	Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Please be advised that during testing, students may not be in possession of any electronic device(s) that can be used for communicating, recording, timing, creating images or storing images. Examples of electronic devices include but are not limited to the following: Smartphones, Apple Watches, Fitbits, Samsung Watches, etc. These devices will be collected by the Test Administrator (TA) and returned after each test session is completed. Please note that if a student refuses to comply, disciplinary action may be taken as described by the Orangeburg County School District Code of Conduct Manual. Students will be asked to place and leave their personal belongings (including water bottles) in the front of the classroom until the testing session has ended and all materials have been collected. We would like to encourage parents/guardians to avoid scheduling any medical appointments and other out of school functions during testing dates/hours.

Please take the time to discuss the importance of these tests with your child. Should you have any questions that you would like answered about testing, please feel free to contact the school at (803) 534-3554 and ask for Dr. Johnerra Taylor, School Testing Coordinator.

Thank you for your cooperation and support,

Dr. Johnerra Taylor  
CEMS School Testing Coordinator

# Parent and Guardian Information

## 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 test 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 to receive student test scores for determining attendance at summer reading camp as mandated by the South Carolina Read to Succeed Act.

## Test Administration

- The SC READY tests are not timed. However, students should complete each test before the end of the school day.
- The ELA test is administered over two days with one session each day. ELA Writing and ELA Reading 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 format only, with the following exceptions:
  - 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, and for MLs if specified in their ILAPs.

## 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. 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) items in grades 3–8, multi-select (MS) items in grades 6–8, and evidence-based selected response (EBSR) items in grades 5–8. 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).





## 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?

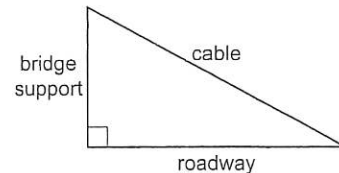
Which sentence would provide the **best** introduction for the paragraph?

- 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.



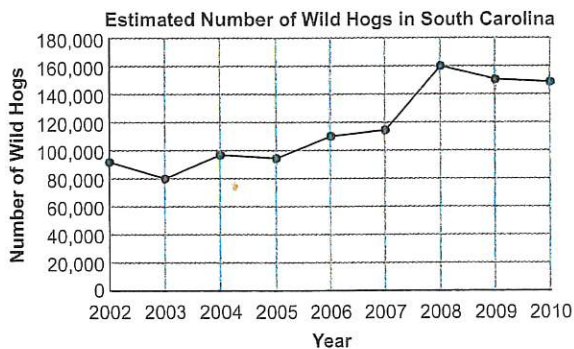
The bridge support is 80 feet tall. The length of the cable is 170 feet. What is the distance, in feet, from the base of the bridge support to the point where the cable connects to the roadway?

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

Key = B

### SCIENCE—GRADE 4

The graph shows the estimated population of wild hogs in South Carolina between 2002 and 2010.



Which information is **best** supported by these data?

- A. The wild hog population increased between 2008 and 2009.
- B. More wild hogs were in South Carolina in 2010 than in 2002.
- C. The wild hog population decreased between 2005 and 2008.
- D. More people in South Carolina had wild hogs in 2007 than in 2008.

Key = B

### SCIENCE—GRADE 6

Which pair of statements **best** explains an environmental stimulus and a bear's response to survive winter?

- A. Environmental stimulus: The bear senses that food is becoming scarce.  
Response: The bear consumes less food, and its heart rate increases.
- B. Environmental stimulus: The days are becoming shorter.  
Response: The bear consumes more food, and its heart rate decreases.
- C. Environmental stimulus: The bear is hungry.  
Response: The bear consumes more food, and its heart rate increases.
- D. Environmental stimulus: The days are becoming longer.  
Response: The bear consumes less food, and its heart rate decreases.

Key = B

## Sample Questions, Tutorials, and Online Tools Training (OTT)

The SC READY webpage (<https://ed.sc.gov/tests/middle/sc-ready/>) provides practice, preparation, and reference resources including:

- Samples of test questions from previous years.
- Online Testing Video Tutorial, with step-by-step instructions on how to use the online testing system. Schools should review these tutorials with students in advance of testing.
- Online Tools Training (OTT) computer module that simulates the testing environment and allows students to practice using the testing software and tools available during testing such as the highlighter, magnifier, and calculator.

### Test Results

- Districts will receive electronic copies of Individual Student Reports (ISRs) by July 12. By August 1, districts will receive paper copies to distribute to parents.
- Student results are reported as scale scores, performance levels (Exceeds, Meets, Approaches, or Does Not Meet), and performance by reporting category (Low, Middle, or High) for each test.