



Pocalla Springs Elementary School

# SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Assessments (SC READY) is a statewide assessment that includes tests in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics administered to students in grades 3–8. All students in grades 3–8 are required to participate in the SC READY, except those who qualify for the Alternate Assessment, which is for students with significant cognitive disabilities. Additionally, the SC READY is a required statewide assessment program in science that is administered to students in grades 4 and 6 in elementary and middle school. The SC READY is an untimed test, administered in an online testing format, and used for state and federal accountability purposes.

Items on SC READY will include selected response, short answer, evidence-based selected response, and text-dependent writing. Evidence-based selected response questions will require students to read a piece of text or a passage and choose the best answer from answer choices. Text-dependent analysis will require students to read a piece of text or a passage and draw upon that text for their extended written responses. Items on SC READY science test will be multiple choice. SC READY is aligned to the state standards that are taught in your child’s classroom.

Please refer to the information below regarding testing at your child’s school.

TEST	DATE	DATE	DATE	START TIME
	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	
SC READY ELA (Reading Part A)	4/27/26	5/4/26	4/27/26	8:30am
SC READY ELA (Reading Part B)	4/28/26	5/5/26	4/28/26	8:30am
SC READY ELA (Writing)	4/30/26	5/7/26	5/1/26	8:30am
SC READY (Mathematics Part A)	5/6/26	4/29/26	5/4/26	8:30am
SC READY (Mathematics Part B)	5/7/26	4/30/26	5/5/26	8:30am
SC READY Science (4 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> grades only)	N/A	5/1/26	N/A	8:30am

During testing, students may not be in possession of any electronic or other device that can be used for communicating, recording, timing, creating images, or storing images. These devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones, media players, electronic readers, headphones, smart watches, stop watches, electronic translators, handheld devices, or any electronic imaging or photographic devices.

This restriction does not apply to devices documented for use in a student’s IEP, 504 Plan, or Individual Health Plan such as medical devices for monitoring diabetes or headphones needed for an oral administration. During testing these devices should be used in the same manner in which they were utilized in the classroom each day.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the testing process or schedule.

Sincerely,

Candy S. Richburg

Nieka Huggins-Armstead

Assistant Principal / SCREADY Test Coordinator

Instructional Coach/ SCREADY Test Coordinator

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