

**Charleston County School District****Office of Accountability**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The South Carolina College and Career-Ready Assessment (SC READY) program is a required statewide assessment in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics for students in grades 3-8 and science for students in grades 4 and 6. For spring 2026, students in grades 3-5 will participate in a three-part ELA assessment, as well as a two-part mathematics assessment in order to field test items that align to the new mathematics standards. The three-part ELA assessment will take place across three days and will consist of ELA Reading Part A, ELA Reading Part B, and ELA Writing, which will include the text-dependent writing (TDW) item. The two-part mathematics assessment will take place across two days and will consist of Mathematics Part A and Mathematics Part B with field test items embedded throughout both parts. This change in format was designed to combat student fatigue. Students in grades 6-8 will participate in single-day assessments for ELA Reading, ELA Writing, and Mathematics.

SC READY assessments are untimed, but must be completed during the same school day they are started, unless your student has an accommodation to test a single subject over multiple days. Items on SC READY will include multiple choice, technology-enhanced items, evidence-based selected response, and text-dependent writing. Evidence-based selected responses will require students to read a piece of text or a passage and choose the best answer from answer choices. The text-dependent writing item will require students to read a piece of text or a passage and draw upon that text for their extended written responses. SC READY tests are aligned to state standards and what is taught in your child's classroom. An online video tutorial for the online administration of SC READY, as well as Online Tools Training can be accessed via the following link: <https://portal.te.drcedirect.com/SC>. More information on the types of test items your student will encounter during testing, along with some sample questions, is available via the following link: <https://ed.sc.gov/tests/middle/sc-ready/information-for-parents/>.

SC READY must be taken in-person even if students are enrolled in full-time virtual/online learning instruction.

In accordance with SC test security law and State Board Regulations, students are prohibited from having any electronic device in their possession during testing. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, smart watches, smart glasses, wireless earbuds, and electronic translation devices. All electronic devices will be collected prior to testing by the test administrator for return to the student at the end of testing. Noncompliance with this requirement will result in discipline consequences. **This restriction does not apply to electronic medical devices that are documented for use in a student's IEP, 504 Plan, or Individual Health Plan, such as those devices needed for monitoring diabetes as an example.**

**You will be receiving a supplemental communication from your child's school with details regarding specific testing dates and times. Please contact your child's school with any questions or concerns related to your child's testing administration schedule.**

**\*\*\* Information below for full-time virtual students only.**

### **Transportation for Full-Time Virtual Students**

If needed, bus transportation for **full-time virtual students** will be provided on regularly scheduled school days at the published pick-up and drop off times and locations. **If your virtual student requires bus transportation for in-person state testing, please complete a [State Testing Transportation](#) form at least five school days prior to their scheduled test date.**

Bus transportation for **grades 3-8 full-time virtual students attending through Low Country Virtual** will be provided. Families should review the information related to bus stop locations and schedules below. All CCSD bus routes, stop times and locations can be found on the [CCSD Transportation](#) web page under the Bus Stop Lookup Tool.

If you believe that there is not a bus stop within 3/10 of a mile from your home, please submit a bus stop request through our [School Bus Stop Request Form](#). Bus stops will normally not be added if there is already an existing bus stop within 3/10 of a mile of your home. Magnet School bus stops are different from traditional neighborhood school bus stops. Magnet bus stops are centralized and they could be as far as 5 miles from the home and are considered “parent assisted” bus stops. These Magnet bus stop locations are not intended to be stops to which most students can walk to or be left unattended.

Please submit your bus stop request ten (10) days prior to your child’s scheduled test date.