

Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS)

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SCDE Web Page:

- <http://ed.sc.gov/tests/elementary/pre-k-and-kindergarten-readiness-assessments/>

Contractor Web Page:

- www.palsmarketplace.com
- Or www.ioeducation.com

Students Tested:

- All public school students, age four by September 1, enrolled in a preschool classroom.
- 4K students, age four by September 1, participating in a private First Steps child care program.

Subjects Tested:

- Name Writing, Alphabet Knowledge, Beginning Sound Awareness; Rhyme Awareness, Print and Word Awareness, and Nursery Rhyme Awareness

Test Administration:

- Paper/Pencil assessment individually administered by any professional educator or paraprofessional that has been trained in the use of the test materials.
- Fall and spring administrations are required; a mid-year administration is optional.
- PALS Online Score Entry and Reporting System is used to record student responses, retrieve reports, utilize interactive data-driven grouping, download electronic lesson plans and connect with the activities database.

When Tests Are Administered:

- During the first 45 days of schools and the last 45 days of school

How Results Are Reported:

- Reports are downloaded from the PALS Online Score Entry and Reporting System.
- Raw scores used in the screening reports, diagnostic reports, and progress monitoring reports
- Reports also facilitate data analysis at the class, school, district, and state level.