

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Test Coordinators
Report Card/Accountability Coordinators
Public Information Officers
Principals

FROM: Vann Holden, PhD
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Director, Office of Assessment and Standards

DATE: July 21, 2026

RE: Assessment and Report Card Release 2026

The memorandum and table below outline district and public release dates for 2025-26 statewide assessments and school report cards. Our statewide assessments and accountability system function like a GPS. They help us celebrate the progress our students and teachers have made, and they also help leaders better understand students' needs as we set the vision for the coming year. The South Carolina Department of Education recognizes that accountability exists to help adults keep our promises to students and families; a child's worth is never defined by a test score. Our state mottos teach us that hope propels hard work. We share these assessment results with the knowledge good data helps leaders focus our efforts where improvement matters the most for students.

On the date of each assessment's district release, you will receive embargoed links to the assessment data. Please feel free to share summary data with district and school staff members who understand that this is not to be shared publicly until after the official statewide release. Summary data should not be shared with members of the media or via social media. The embargo extends to local school board meetings because data presented to a local board becomes public information under the South Carolina Freedom of

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Information Act. Schools may provide individual scores and student score reports to parents or guardians as soon as they are received as these reports do not include summary data.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the assessment release schedule, please contact Dr. Kristi Austin at kdaustin@ed.sc.gov.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the school report card release schedule, please contact schoolreportcards@ed.sc.gov.

Please note that AP, SAT, and ACT report release dates are set by the testing vendors.

Data	District Release Date	Public Release Date
SC READY	August 3, 2026	August 10, 2026
EOCEP*	August 3, 2026	August 10, 2026
SC Career Ready	August 3, 2026	August 10, 2026
SAT, AP	September 2026 - Set by College Board	
ACT	October 2026 - Set by ACT	
School Report Cards	Embargoed Site Available: August 3, 2026 Preliminary Ratings Available: September 28, 2026	On or before October 15, 2026

**To be updated with summer 2026 results in October*