



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents

**FROM:** Elizabeth Jones  
Director, Office of Assessment

**DATE:** March 3, 2020

**RE:** Calculator Use during Testing

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with reminders about the use of calculators during SC READY assessments and the End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP). Only specific calculators may be used during testing. The list of allowable calculators is available on the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) website and included in the test administration manuals.

- SC READY: <https://ed.sc.gov/tests/middle/sc-ready/calculator-use-for-sc-ready-mathematics-grades-6-8-only/>
- EOCEP: <https://ed.sc.gov/tests/tests-files/eocep-files/eocep-calculator-use-policy-for-2019-20/>

District test coordinators receive paper copies and access to online manuals before the administration of each test. All district and school staff involved in testing are responsible for keeping up-to-date on the information provided in the manuals, including knowing which calculators are allowed.

As in the past, when the SCDE, Office of Assessment, becomes aware of a new calculator, an evaluation is conducted to determine whether allowing the calculator during testing would invalidate measurement of the skills being assessed (e.g., whether features on the calculator would help students correctly answer test questions they did not have the knowledge and skills to answer without the calculator). New calculators are added to the acceptable or prohibited lists during the summer or fall prior to the fall/winter administration of the EOCEP. The list is not altered during the school year.

If you have any questions about the use of calculators, please contact Daniel Cammisa at [dcammisa@ed.sc.gov](mailto:dcammisa@ed.sc.gov) or Llewellyn Shealy at [lshealy@ed.sc.gov](mailto:lshealy@ed.sc.gov).