

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Assessment Coordinators
District Accountability Coordinators

FROM: Dan Ralyea
Chief Information Officer, Information Technology

DATE: November 12, 2025

RE: Formative Assessment Data Collection

In accordance with [SC Code §59-18-310\(D\)](#), districts must assess all students in grades K–8 using a state-approved interim (formative) assessment each fall, winter, and spring, and report results by grade and school to the South Carolina Department of Education. Data must be uploaded to the state system within five (5) business days after each testing window closes.

The SCDE will monitor reporting for **grades 1–8 in 2025–26** and expand to **grades K–8 in 2026–27**, with districts required to report data for **at least 85%** of students each assessment window, based on the 45th-day headcount.

Districts that fail to provide data will have 10% of their State Aid to Classroom funding withheld until submission.

Formative Assessment Data Collection for Students Instructed on Alternate Academic Achievement Standards

For students with significant cognitive disabilities who are instructed on Alternate Academic Achievement Standards, the student’s Individualized Education Program team will determine what formative assessment will be used to meet this mandate. If none of the approved list of reading and math assessments are appropriate, even with appropriate accommodations, then a rubric indicating student progress toward reading and math IEP

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goals will meet this requirement. Teachers should submit three data points no later than the close of business on the following dates using the accompanying links:

- December 12, 2025: https://SCOSES.formstack.com/forms/fall_faosp
- March 13, 2026: https://SCOSES.formstack.com/forms/winter_faosp
- June 12, 2026: https://SCOSES.formstack.com/forms/spring_faosp

Questions?

Assessment funding or administration and qualification criteria: Kristi Austin at kdaustin@ed.sc.gov in the Office of Assessment and Standards.

Data collection and reporting: Dan Ralyea at Dralyea@ed.sc.gov.

Formative assessment based on alternate standards: Roberta Turner at returner@ed.sc.gov in the office of Special Education Services.

Alternative assessment Formstack and data entry: Kim Watkins at kawatkins@ed.sc.gov in the office of Special Education Services.