



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders
District Test Coordinators
Report Card/Accountability Coordinators

FROM: Dan Ralyea
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DATE: August 6, 2024

RE: Reporting Interim Assessment Data: Proviso 1.74 Compliance

This memo outlines the essential requirements for reporting interim formative assessments for students in first through eighth grade. Compliance with these requirements is essential for districts to avoid funding penalties and to contribute to a comprehensive performance report for the General Assembly per Proviso 1.74.

1.74. (SDE: Formative Assessment Data) For the current school year, districts must ensure all students in first through eighth grades are assessed using a state-approved interim assessment tool during the fall, winter, and spring. School districts shall provide all interim and formative assessment data scores by grade and school to the Department of Education from the prior school year. The department is directed to compile the information received and submit a comprehensive report regarding performance on such assessments to the General Assembly by May 31 of the current fiscal year. Any school district failing to provide this data to the department shall have ten percent of their State Aid to Classrooms funding withheld until the data is provided.

Mandated Reporting of Interim Assessments:

Proviso 1.74 mandates the administration and reporting of interim assessments to SCDE for legislative reporting. The approved interim assessments are listed on the SCDE website: [SCDE Approved Interim Assessments](#).

Data Submission Options:

SCDE will collect this information through the following options:

Education Analytics Agreement: The school district must enter into an agreement with Education Analytics to populate the RALLY tool and allow the state access to assessment files.

Approved Assessment Vendor Agreement: The school district must enter into an agreement with the assessment vendor to submit the data to the state. The vendor file must include the state student number. Non-compliant records will not be included in the dataset.

ADT Submission: If a school district is forced to submit via ADT, the original vendor files must be loaded on or before the submission due dates. The original vendor file must include the state student number or PowerSchool ID. Non-compliant records will not be included in the dataset.

Submission Due Dates:

- **Fall Administration:** December 6, 2024
- **Winter Administration:** March 7, 2025
- **Spring Administration:** June 13, 2025

Compliance Criteria:

A district will be considered compliant with Proviso 1.74 if they submit scores for both ELA and Math from approved interim assessments for at least 85% of their first through eighth graders.

A record count for each assessment administration will be compared to the 45th-day active headcount for the schools in that district to determine the expected number of records.

For any questions, please contact Dan Ralyea at Dralyea@ed.sc.gov.