

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Kristi D. Austin, PhD
Director, Office of Assessment and Standards

DATE: August 26, 2025

RE: SC READY ELA and Math Update

The Office of Assessment and Standards (OAS) is pleased to announce a change to the SC READY English Language Arts (ELA) tests for grades 3 – 5 and to provide clarification on the SC READY two-day math test for grades 3 – 5, first announced in the June 24, 2025 memo, [SC READY and EOCEP Updates](#).

SC READY ELA

Due to overwhelmingly positive feedback from elementary teachers, administrators, and district-level officials, OAS will continue the three-day test format for SC READY ELA in grades 3 – 5, beginning with the spring 2026 administration. The format includes three sections, each given on a separate day: Writing, Reading Part A, and Reading Part B. All reading sections must be administered during the same school week.

The SC READY ELA test in grades 6 – 8 will revert to the original two-day test format in spring 2026. The SC READY ELA assessment for grades 6 – 8 will be administered over two days, with each section given on separate days: Writing and Reading.

SC READY Math

As mentioned in the memo, [SC READY and EOCEP Updates](#), the SC READY math test for grades 3 – 5 will be a two-day test for spring 2026 only. The two sections of the SC READY math test for grades 3 – 5 must be administered in the same school week.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact Susan Creighton at screight@ed.sc.gov.