



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

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RE: SC READY Text Dependent Analysis (TDA) Paper Testing Option in Grades 3 and 4

The South Carolina Department of Education has collaborated with the Data Recognition Company (DRC) to develop an additional paper testing option on the SCREADY TDA item for third- and fourth-grade students. This plan would require DRC to transcribe the students' written paper responses into the online system for the Spring 2024 SC READY administration. All other items must be administered in a computer-based format per The Education Accountability Act (EAA).

DRC will send a survey in February, allowing districts to choose the transcription option.

Districts choosing this option will receive detailed procedures for test administration and materials delivery. Districts will be invoiced \$6.47 per student response. Districts will assume responsibility for complying with all procedures. Failure to do so could result in invalid scores.

Please send any questions to Susan Creighton at screight@ed.sc.gov in the Office of Assessment and Standards.