

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
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District Test Coordinators

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DATE: March 31, 2026

RE: Summer Reading Camp Assessment Information

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is preparing for Summer Reading Camp (SRC) and is sharing important information regarding assessment options, requirements, and assurances for third grade students eligible for retention under Read to Succeed (R2S).

Summer Reading Camp Assessment Options

Districts are reminded that third grade students eligible for retention must be provided with one of the approved Read to Succeed (R2S) good cause exemption assessments at the end of Summer Reading Camp. Approved assessments for SRC for Summer 2026 are:

- MAP
- STAR
- iReady
- MVPA
- DRC BEACON
- SC READY Reading

Single Test Assurance

Districts must ensure that only one approved assessment option is administered at the end of camp. If a third grade student eligible for retention takes either the district's selected alternate approved assessment, or the summer administration of SC READY Reading, and does not earn the required score for promotion to fourth grade, the district may not administer any additional assessments in an attempt to secure a passing score. No additional testing opportunities are permitted beyond those authorized in statute.

New for Summer 2026

Beginning in summer 2026, SC READY Reading (Parts A & B) is an approved Summer Reading Camp assessment option.

For planning purposes, the SCDE must know no later than **March 31** which districts are committed to administering SC READY Reading (Parts A & B) at the end of Summer Reading Camp for their eligible third grade students. Please see Formstack link at the end of this memo.

SC READY Reading Administration Requirements

- **Administration Window:** June 15–July 2
- **Two Day Administration:** SC READY Reading (Parts A & B) must be administered on **two separate, consecutive days** at the conclusion of the district's Summer Reading Camp session.
- **Transcription Requirement:** Regular, large-print, and braille testing materials will be available for students who require them, and schools should request any needed print materials through the Additional Materials Ordering process. Answer documents will not be provided for this administration, as all scoring will be conducted exclusively online. Therefore, any student who responds on paper must have their responses transcribed by the Test Administrator into the online testing system for scoring.
- **Score Availability:** Scores will be available **within 48 hours on the DRC Portal** and will be reported only as **"At/Above"** or **"Below"** the required performance level.

Please note, the summer SC READY Reading score does not replace the student's spring SC READY score, as the spring summative ELA assessment includes a combined Reading and Writing score. The summer administration is used solely for Read to Succeed promotion decisions and does not override or revise the official spring test record.

SCDE is requesting ALL DISTRICTS complete this [FORMSTACK](#) with their final Summer Reading Camp assessment choice no later than April 15.

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Questions?

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