

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Instructional Leaders
Read to Succeed Liaisons
PowerSchool Coordinators

FROM: Alisha Green, Ed.D.
Director, Office of Instructional Supports

DATE: June 17, 2025

RE: Summer Reading Camp Updates

Beginning in the 2024–2025 school year, Act 114 (Section 59-155-160) requires retention of third-grade students who score *Does Not Meet Expectations* on the SC READY Reading assessment. Students may receive a Good Cause Exemption (GCE) by achieving a score equivalent to *Approaches Expectations* on an alternative assessment approved for use in Summer Reading Camps (SRC).

Cut Score Update

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has approved the following cut scores on alternative assessments for determining eligibility for a Good Cause Exemption at the conclusion of summer reading camps:

- **MAP:** 186
- **i-Ready:** 489
- **STAR Unified:** 941
- **MVPA:** 36
- **DRC Beacon:** 354

Act 114 (Section 59-155-130) also requires districts to report data for all students attending summer reading camps. This information must be entered into the Read to Succeed (R2S) PowerSchool Information page, with data fields completed for all students attending camp.

Data Entry Update

Updates to the R2S PowerSchool Information page are currently in development and will include the addition of MVPA and DRC Beacon as assessment metrics. *These updates will be available with the PowerSchool State Reporting release in July.* Districts are advised to consult with their PowerSchool Coordinator to confirm successful installation of the PowerSchool release before proceeding with summer reading camp data entry.

Reminder for July Data Entry

At the conclusion of SRC, please complete all data fields for third-grade students *eligible for retention* including the pretest and posttest score. For all other students attending SRC, data fields should be completed two weeks prior to the conclusion of camp – with the exception of the posttest score. The posttest score for these students will be entered in the fall using results from the fall interim assessment.

Please reach out to Alisha Green, akgreen@ed.sc.gov for questions regarding summer reading camp, Kristi Austin, kdaustin@ed.sc.gov, for questions about assessment, or powerschool@ed.sc.gov for questions related to PowerSchool.