



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Elizabeth Jones, Director
Office of Assessment

DATE: December 31, 2015

RE: Spring 2016 Test Dates for Grades 3–8

The spring 2016 test dates for the South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) in science and social studies, grades 4–8, and the South Carolina College and Career READY Assessments (SC READY) in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics, grades 3–8, are provided at end of this memorandum. The contractor for both testing programs is Data Recognition Corporation (DRC).

Computer-based and paper-based testing will be available for SCPASS and SC READY. The decision to test online can be made at the student level. Students may test one or more subjects online and the remaining subject(s) in paper-based format. Students **must** take **both** parts of the ELA test (i.e., writing and reading) via **one** test mode—either online or paper-based. Paper-based tests must be administered on the specific dates specified below. Online administrations may take place at any time during the testing window. For this year, districts should use the existing precode fields (i.e., “SCPASS—Online ELA” and “SCPASS—Online Math”) to indicate whether or not students will test online for SC READY.

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**South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS)
Science and Social Studies, Grades 4–8**

	Paper-Based Testing	Computer-Based Testing
Science	May 11	May 11–May 27
Social Studies	May 12	May 11–May 27
Make-up Testing	Through May 19	

**South Carolina College and Career READY Assessments (SC READY)
English Language Arts and Mathematics, Grades 3–8**

	Paper-Based Testing	Computer-Based Testing
ELA Session 1—Writing	April 26	April 19–May 6
ELA Session 2—Reading	April 27	April 19–May 6
Mathematics	April 28	April 19–May 6
Make-up Testing	Through May 6	