

# Update on Assessments

District Test Coordinator's Meeting  
January 12, 2015

# Assessment Programs Coordinated through the Office of Assessment

# South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS)

- ▶ Science and Social Studies
- ▶ Grades 4–8
- ▶ Contractor: Data Recognition Corporation (DRC)
- ▶ Contacts
  - Susan Creighton [screight@ed.sc.gov](mailto:screight@ed.sc.gov) or 803–734–8535
  - Sheila Graybeal [sgraybea@ed.sc.gov](mailto:sgraybea@ed.sc.gov) or 803–734–8649

# South Carolina Alternate Assessment

- ▶ Science and Social Studies
- ▶ Students who meet the participation guidelines for alternate assessment
  - Ages 9–13 as of September 1 of the assessment year. (These are the ages of students who are typically in grades 4–8)
- ▶ Contractor: American Institute of Research (AIR)
- ▶ Contact: Suzanne Swaffield [swaffie@ed.sc.gov](mailto:swaffie@ed.sc.gov) or 803–734–8274

# End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP)

## ▶ Subjects

- Algebra 1 / Mathematics for the Technologies 2
- English 1
- U.S. History and the Constitution
- Biology 1 / Applied Biology 2

## ▶ Contractor: Data Recognition Corporation (DRC)

## ▶ Contact: Kirsten Hural [khural@ed.sc.gov](mailto:khural@ed.sc.gov) or 803-734-5981

# Identifying Students for State Gifted and Talented Programs

- ▶ Iowa Assessments (IA): Riverside
  - Grade 2 only
  - Contractor: Riverside
  - Contact: Carolyn Ray [cray@ed.sc.gov](mailto:cray@ed.sc.gov) or 803-734-8294
- ▶ Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)
  - Grade 2 only
  - Contractor: Riverside
  - Contact: Carolyn Ray [cray@ed.sc.gov](mailto:cray@ed.sc.gov) or 803-734-8294
- ▶ South Carolina Performance Tasks
  - Grades 2-5
  - Contractor: C2
  - Contact: Mimi Brailsford [abrailsf@ed.sc.gov](mailto:abrailsf@ed.sc.gov) or 803-734-0163

# Title III Assessments

- ▶ English language proficiency assessments for English language learners
- ▶ Grades K through 12
- ▶ 2014–15
  - ACCESS for ELLs® through the World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Consortium
    - Contact: Leslie Dawes [ldawes@ed.sc.gov](mailto:ldawes@ed.sc.gov) or 803-734-4944
  - Alternate ACCESS for ELLs®
    - Contact: Jill Christmus [mchristmus@ed.sc.gov](mailto:mchristmus@ed.sc.gov) or 803-734-8048
- ▶ 2015–16
  - Assessment must be procured (RFP will be released)

# Adoption List of Formative Assessments

- Blending Assessment with Instruction Program (BAIP–Math)
- STAR Reading and STAR Mathematics
- Measures of Academic Progress (MAP–Reading and Mathematics)
- Istation
- Contact: Susan Creighton [screight@ed.sc.gov](mailto:screight@ed.sc.gov) or 803–734–8535

# National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

- Assessment of a sample of students in grades 4, 8, and 12
- Contact: Chris Webster [cwebster@ed.sc.gov](mailto:cwebster@ed.sc.gov) or 803-734-5721

# ACT, Inc. Assessments

- ▶ ACT WorkKeys®
  - Grade 11
  - Contact Kevin Fatica [kjfatica@ed.sc.gov](mailto:kjfatica@ed.sc.gov) or 803-734-8282
- ▶ The ACT®
  - Grade 11
  - Contact Kevin Fatica [kjfatica@ed.sc.gov](mailto:kjfatica@ed.sc.gov) or 803-734-8282
- ▶ ACT Aspire™
  - Grades 3-8
  - Contact Sheila Graybeal [sgraybea@ed.sc.gov](mailto:sgraybea@ed.sc.gov) or 803-734-8649

# National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC) Alternate Assessment

- ▶ ELA and mathematics
- ▶ Students who meet the participation guidelines.
  - Ages 8–13 and 16 as of September 1 of the assessment year. These are the ages of students who are typically in grades 3–8 and 11.
- ▶ Contact Suzanne Swaffield [swaffie@ed.sc.gov](mailto:swaffie@ed.sc.gov) or 803–734–8274

# Procurement of Assessments

ELA and Mathematics

Grades 3–8 and 11

# Requirements of Act 200

- ▶ The Executive Director of the State Budget and Control Board, with the advice and consent of the special assessment panel, shall direct the procurement of a summative assessment system.
- ▶ The procurement must be completed before September 30, 2014.
- ▶ The special assessment panel must be composed of the following individuals or their designee:
  - ▶ the Chairman of the State Board of Education
  - ▶ the Chairman of the Education Oversight Committee
  - ▶ the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
  - ▶ the Chairman of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
  - ▶ the Chairman of the South Carolina Technical College System Board
  - ▶ the State Superintendent of Education

# Timeline and Activities

Date	Activity
6/30/14	RFP released by the Budget and Control Board (B&CB)
8/11/14	Proposals due to B&CB
9/19/14	Intent to Award contract to ACT posted on B&CB website
9/29/14	Protest filed by DRC
9/30/14	Award suspended
10/23/14	Protest Hearing held (Chief Procurement officer at B&CB)
11/1/14	Contract Awarded to ACT, Inc. - 9/30/14 to 9/29/19
12/18/14	Decision by the Chief Procurement officer at B&CB
12/29/14	Protest filed by ACT, Inc. and the B&CB
TBD	Protest Hearing

<https://webprod.cio.sc.gov/SCSolicitationWeb/contractSearch.do?solicitnumber=5400008105>

<http://procurement.sc.gov/PS/legal/PS-legal-decisions-it.phtm>

- ▶ Decision by the B&CB Chief Procurement Officer
    - Directed the contract be terminated at the end of the first year.
    - Ordered the B&CB to re-solicit.
  
  - ▶ Protest of Decision by ACT, Inc. and B&CB
    - ACT, Inc. and the B&CB have requested a further administrative review, including a hearing, by the South Carolina Procurement Review Panel
    - A hearing has not yet been scheduled
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# Documents Posted on B&CB Website

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