

**South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards
(SCPASS)
Science Test Blueprint for Grades 4-8
Spring 2016**

The spring 2016 SCPASS science tests measure the 2005 *South Carolina Science Academic Standards* in grades four through eight.

There are five to six broad standards at each grade level. Each standard is followed by detailed indicators. The test items are aligned to the broad standards, guided by the scope of the detailed indicators for each standard.

The test items are 1-point, three- or four-option, multiple-choice questions. The items are distributed approximately evenly across the standards. The items are distributed according to this table:

Grade	Number of Standards	Number of Items	Items per Standard
4	5	45	8-11
5	5	50	8-11
6	5	55	9-12
7	5	55	8-13
8	6	60	8-12

NOTE: Because of embedded field-test items, the tests may contain 6 to 12 more total items than specified in the blueprint. These items are for test development purposes only and will NOT be included in the calculation of student scores.

The spring 2016 field-test items will assess the 2014 *South Carolina Science Academic Standards*. Online field-test items will include multiple-choice and technology-enhanced (TE) item types, such as drag and drop, hot spot, drop down list, and constructed-response (type in a number).