



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Elizabeth Jones, Director
Office of Assessment

DATE: June 9, 2015

RE: Corrections to English 1 End-of-Course Examination Scores

On Monday, June 1, 2015, District Test Coordinators in 43 districts (see attached list) received a memo describing corrections to some English 1 scores in those districts. The memo was from Data Recognition Corporation (DRC), the contractor for the End of Course Examination Program (EOCEP).

An initial issue was described in a memo I sent on May 19, 2015 (also attached). As DRC was working on updating the online English 1 EOCEP scores, an additional scoring discrepancy was identified on the preliminary rosters. For some students, DRC determined that English 1 scores were posted before the auto-scoring process was complete for three technology-enhanced items. This resulted in an additional 0–3 point raw-score increase (or a 0–5 point scale-score increase). The new scores are reflected on the updated English preliminary scale-score rosters posted on May 27, 2015.

It is important that the updated score rosters be used to calculate English 1 final grades. Therefore, District Test Coordinators were asked to ensure that this information was circulated to any staff involved in preparing final report card grades.

The Algebra 1, Biology, and U.S. History Course EOCEP tests were not impacted by this programming error. If you have questions about the auto-scoring process, please contact DRC's SC Project Team at 1-800-451-7834 or scproject@datarecognitioncorp.com.

As always, we appreciate your patience and hard work during this challenging testing season. If you have questions about the EOCEP, please contact SCDE staff member Kirsten Hural at KHural@ed.sc.gov, (803) 734-5981.

Attachments