

## 2025–26 Assessment Schedule

### Office of Assessment and Standards

*Precode dates indicate the day on which student enrollment data will be pulled from PowerSchool. If student data is entered after this date, it will not be in the precode file given to the contractors.*

*DTCs and STCs are responsible for ensuring that the test dates for each assessment program, and each subject within each program, are posted on the school’s website at least one month prior to the opening of the state–approved testing window.*

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#### Prekindergarten Assessments

##### 4–Year–Old Prekindergarten

**Test Window** The first 45 days and the last 45 days of each school district’s instructional calendar

**myIGDIs™** Dashboard will be open July 15, 2025

**Precode Note.** myIGDIs™ will continue to use the EdFi integration to complete this process. Please be aware that there is a new activity code, 0889 myIGDIs Rostering, introduced for the school year 2025 – 26. Districts participating in the myIGDIs assessment for PK4 students should add this non-instructional activity code to students’ schedules for them to be rostered for myIGDIs in PowerSchool. The evaluating teacher needs to be the lead teacher for the course. For districts administering myIGDIs, PowerSchool admins should create course 0889 and make it available to schools. For additional questions, contact Mary Voulgaris ([mvoulgaris@ed.sc.gov](mailto:mvoulgaris@ed.sc.gov)).

**GOLD®** Dashboard will open July 1, 2025

**First Precode File** July 21, 2025  
**Second Precode File** August 4, 2025  
**Third Precode File** August 18, 2025

## **Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) 5-Year-Old Kindergarten**

**Test Window** the first 45 days of each school district's instructional calendar

First Precode File	July 21, 2025
Second Precode File	August 4, 2025
Third Precode File	August 18, 2025

SCDE provides the precode files to the districts (via ADTS) for uploading into the K-Ready system. Depending on the district beginning school dates upload one of the following files:

First Precode File available by	August 4, 2025
Second Precode File available by	August 18, 2025
Third Precode File available by	September 2, 2025

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## **Gifted and Talented Assessments Grade 2 Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) and Iowa Assessments (IA)**

School districts **must administer both tests** (CogAT and Iowa) to students in the second grade.

<b>Test Window</b>	October 6-28, 2025
<b>Pretest Webinars</b>	September 9, 2025 (paper) September 11, 2025 (online)
<b>Data Manager Training Webinars</b>	September 15, 17, and 18
<b>Posttest Webinar</b>	November 6, 2025
<b>Data Files and Score Reports (paper)</b>	December 4, 2025
<b>Barcoding Precode File (for paper)</b>	August 20, 2025
<b>Online Roster File</b>	September 8, 2025

## **Performance Task Assessments (PTA) – Grades 2–5**

<b>Student Data from Fall Due</b>	January 8, 2026
<b>Test Window</b>	February 17, 2026–March 13, 2026
<b>DTC/STC Training (new)</b>	January 27, 2026
<b>DTC/STC Training (experienced)</b>	January 28, 2026 (e–mail and webinar)
<b>Data Files to Districts</b>	May 15, 2026
<b>ISRs Shipped to Districts (paper)</b>	May 29, 2026

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## **WIDA ACCESS® and WIDA Alternate ACCESS® English Language Proficiency Assessments, Grades K–12**

<b>Test Window</b>	January 21, 2026 – March 6, 2026
<b>TAMS will arrive</b>	November 17-19, 2025
<b>Districts can begin creating test sessions</b>	December 26, 2025
<b>Materials will arrive</b>	January 15-16, 2026
<b>Extra materials can be ordered</b>	January 16-February 27, 2026
<b>Materials must be returned by</b>	March 20, 2026
<b>Scores available online -WIDA AMS</b>	May 12, 2026
<b>Reports will arrive in districts</b>	May 22, 2026
<b>Precode Collection</b>	November 20, 2025
<b>Training Sessions</b>	TBA

**End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP)**  
**Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 2 and United States History and the Constitution**

Each District Test Coordinator (DTC) is responsible for identifying the district-level testing window (within the state testing window) and for notifying the School Test Coordinator (STC) of the testing schedule. **All scheduled testing, including make-up tests, must be administered within the district’s testing window.** For all tests, the district testing window may be scheduled to extend beyond the end of the semester or school year.

For Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 2–Reading, and USHC, the district testing window **must not begin earlier than the last 15 instructional days of the semester or school year.** EOCEP testing must be scheduled to begin early in the district testing window and must include dates for make-up testing that are within the district window.

For the English 2 Writing section, the district testing window **must not begin earlier than the last 20 instructional days of the semester or school year.** English Reading and Writing sections must not be administered on the same day. The SCDE opens the state testing window as early as possible, but some district calendars may not allow for a full 20-day Writing window inside the state testing window.

**Fall/Winter 2025–2026**

**State Window**

December 1, 2025-January 23, 2026

*Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 2-Reading, USHC* last 15 instructional days of the semester or later

*English 2-Writing* last 20 instructional days of the semester or later

**Technology Coordinator Training**

August 13, 2025

**Pretest Workshop for DTCs**

October 21, 2025

**Pretest Workshop for STCs**

November 6, 2025

**Fall/Winter 2025-26 Precode File due**

October 24, 2025

**Spring 2026**

**State Window**

April 28, 2026-June 4, 2026

*Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 2-Reading, USHC* last 15 instructional days of the semester/schoolyear or later

*English 2-Writing* last 20 instructional days of the semester/schoolyear or later

**Pretest Workshop for DTCs**

March 5, 2026

**Pretest Workshop for STCs**

March 10, 2026

**Spring 2026 Precode File due**

March 13, 2026

**Summer 2026 State Window**

June 29, 2026–July 31, 2026

## SC READY

English Language Arts and Mathematics, Grades 3–8  
Science, Grades 4 and 6

*All grade 3 ELA tests must be administered during the first five days of the test window.  
Social Studies will not be assessed for the 2025-2026 school year.*

### Test Windows

<b>State Window (UPDATED)</b>	April 20, 2026 – June 4, 2026
<b>Online Testing</b>	The last 20 school days as determined by the district’s instructional calendar.
<b>Paper Testing</b>	The first 10 school days of each district’s twenty-day testing window as determined by the district’s instructional calendar.
<b>Technology Webinar</b>	August 13, 2025
<b>Pretest Workshop for DTCs</b>	March 4, 2026
<b>Pretest Workshop for STCs</b>	March 12, 2026 & March 19, 2026
<b>Precode Update File</b>	February 25, 2026

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### South Carolina–Alternate Assessment (SC–Alt) Online

SC Alternate Assessment for SC READY (ELA and Math: Grades 3–8)

SC Alternate Assessment for SCREADY (Science: Grades 4 and 6)

SC Alternate Assessment for EOCEP

(English 2, Algebra 1, US History and the Constitution, & Biology)

<b>Test Window</b>	March 2, 2026–April 17, 2026
<b>TIDE Go–Live</b>	November 28, 2025
<b>DTC Alt Training</b>	December 3, 2025
<b>Spring LCI Go–Live</b>	February 9, 2026–April 17, 2026
<b>Precode/ED-Fi</b>	November 12, 2025

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<b>Fall District Data Files</b>	Monday, December 15, 2025
<b>Fall Credentials/ISRs</b> Shipped to Schools	Monday, January 12, 2026
<b>Spring District Data Files</b>	Monday, June 15, 2026
<b>Spring Credentials/ISRs</b> Shipped to Schools	Monday, June 22, 2026
<b>Fall Precode File</b>	August 18, 2025
<b>Spring Precode File</b>	December 8, 2025

## College Entrance Assessments

Districts must offer all eleventh-grade students the opportunity to take the ACT or the SAT college entrance assessment. Eleventh grade students are students in the third year of high school after their initial enrollment in the ninth grade. For the 2025-2026 school year funds are available for 12th grade students to take one college readiness assessment.

### The ACT

Districts **may select** an initial testing date, a makeup date, and an emergency date from the options given below. Districts do not have to choose a makeup date and/or emergency date.

**ACT is offering a fall online administration this year.** Fall and spring administrations are completely separate; ACT will provide separate score reports, data files, and key dates.

#### ACT Fall 2024 Paper and Online Test Dates

<b>Paper Test Dates</b>	<b>Online Test Dates including accommodations</b>	<b>Accommodation Test Dates for Paper</b>
September 30, 2025	September 30, 2025 October 1-3, & 6-10 2025	September 30, 2025 October 1-3 & 6-10, 2025
October 14, 2025	October 14–17, 2025 October 20–24, 2025	October 14–17, 2025 October 22–24, 2025
October 28, 2025	October 28-31, 2025 November 3–7, 2025	October 28-31, 2025 November 3–7, 2025

#### ACT Spring 2026 Paper and Online Test Dates

<b>Paper Test Dates</b>	<b>Online Test Dates including accommodations</b>	<b>Accommodation Test Dates for Paper</b>
February 24, 2026	February 24–27, 2026 March 2–6, 2026	February 24–27, 2026 March 2–6, 2026
March 10, 2026	March 10–13, 2026 March 16–20, 2026	March 10–13, 2026 March 16–20, 2026
March 24, 2026	March 24–27, 2026 & March 30- 31, April 1–3, 2026	March 24–27, 2026 & March 30-31, April 1–3, 2026

## **The SAT**

The College Board SAT is an online test.

**Fall 2025 Test Window**

October 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025

**Spring 2026 Test Window**

March 2, 2026 – April 30, 2026

## **National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)**

### **Assessment Window**

- January 26-March 20, 2026

### **Operational Assessments**

- Main NAEP Reading: Grades 4 and 8 (national- and state-level results)
- Main NAEP Mathematics: Grades 4 and 8 (national- and state-level results)
- Civics: Grade 8 (national-level results)
- US History: Grade 8 (national-level results)

### **Pilot Assessments:**

- Main NAEP Reading: Grades 4, 8, and 12 (no score release)
- Main NAEP Mathematics: Grades 4, 8, and 12 (no score release)

All operational and pilot assessments take place in the same window. The exact assessment date for individual schools will not be assigned and shared until November. To date, no announcements have been made about field trials, special studies, or international assessments for 2025-2026. South Carolina state law requires compliance for operational and pilot assessments. Federal law requires schools and districts receiving Title I funds to participate in operational and pilot assessments of reading and mathematics in Grades 4 and 8. Failure to comply with federal law will lead to a reduction or loss of Title I funding.

From October to November of 2025, the NAEP state coordinator will work with SCDE's Office of Research and Data Analysis to share schools' student enrollment list for the sampled grades with the NAEP sampling statisticians.

For the foreseeable future, South Carolina has opted not to participate in school, teacher, and student questionnaires.

## South Carolina Junior Scholars Program

Districts may offer the PSAT/NMQST to current 8th grade students to qualify for the Junior Scholars Program on the following test dates.

<b>Test Window</b>	October 1–October 31, 2025
<b>Saturday Window</b>	October 11 and October 18, 2025

All testing, including make up testing, must take place during this testing window.

Students don't register for the PSAT/NMSQT through The College Board. Schools and districts choose whether and when to offer it. Students must be tested at pre-approved middle school sites. The South Carolina Department of Education is not involved in the PSAT/NMSQT assessment for the Junior Scholars Program.

Contact College Board directly with any questions related to the test's administration. Please visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/k12-educators/psat-nmsqt-dates> or call 888-477-7728 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (September to early June), for more information.