SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2026-27 Assessment Schedule

The following schedule outlines the major assessment dates for the 2026-27 school year. If applicable, additional dates will be added and communicated once received.

ACT

Fall 2026

Event	Date(s)
Standard Administration (Paper)	September 29, October 13, October 27
Accommodations Administration (Paper)	September 29-30, October 1-2, October 5-9, October 13-16, October 19-23, October 27-30, November 2-6
Standard and Accommodations Administration (Online)	September 29-30, October 1-2, October 5-9, October 13-16, October 19-23, October 27-30, November 2-6

Spring 2027

Event	Date(s)
Standard Administration (Paper)	February 23, March 9, March 23
Accommodations Administration (Paper)	February 23-26, March 1-5, March 9-12, March 15-19, March 23-26, March 29-31, April 1-2
Standard and Accommodations Administration (Online)	February 23-26, March 1-5, March 9-12, March 15-19, March 23-26, March 29-31, April 1-2

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

Spring 2027 Test Window

Start	End
May 3	May 14

Career Readiness (WIN)

Fall 2026

Event	Date(s)
Fall Test Window	October 26 – November 6
Pretest Webinar—DTC Only	September 9, September 10
STC and TA Webinar (Paper)	September 15
STC and TA Webinar (Online)	September 17, September 22
STC and TA Webinar (Online & Paper)	September 24

Event	Date(s)
DTC Posttest Webinar—DTC Only	December 3
District Courseware Trainings (Virtual)	August 5, August 19, September 2, September 16, September 30, October 14
Fall Precode File	August 17
District Data Files Delivered via ShareFile	December 11
Fall Credentials/ISRs Shipped to Schools	January 11, 2027

Spring 2027

Event	Date(s)
Spring Test Window (11th & 12th grade students)	March 22 – April 16
Pretest Webinar—DTC Only Overview	February 3, February 4
STC and TA Webinar (Paper)	February 9
STC and TA Webinar (Online)	February 11, February 16
STC and TA Webinar (Online & Paper)	February 18
DTC Posttest Webinar—DTC Only	May 6
District Courseware Trainings (Virtual)	January 6, January 20, February 3, February 17, March 3, March 10
Spring Precode File	December 7
Credentials/ISRs Shipped to Schools	June 14
District Data Files Delivered via ShareFile	June 14

EOCEP

Fall 2026

Event	Date(s)
DRC Technology Training Webinar	July 29; 10:00 AM
DRC INSIGHT Ordering Window for Print Materials **1.** Districts must update their mailing and shipping address along with DTC/STC contact information.	September 8 – September 25
Precode Files Posted to ADTS for District Review	September 28
District Precode Submission Deadline	October 20
DTC Pretest Workshop Webinar	October 20
STC Pretest Workshop Webinar	November 5, 2026
Fall/Winter 2026-2027 State Testing Window	November 30, 2026 – January 22, 2027

Spring/Summer 2027

Event	Date(s)
Precode Files Posted to ADTS for District Review	February 26
District Precode Submission Deadline	March 16
Spring 2027 State Testing Window	April 26 – June 8
Summer 2027 State Testing Window	June 28 – July 30

Gifted and Talented Grade 2 (CogAT and Iowa)

Fall 2026

Event	Date(s)
Test Window	October 5 – October 27
Pretest Webinar	September 8, September 10
Data Manager Training Webinars	Week of September 14th
Posttest Webinar	November 5
Data Files and Score Reports (Paper)	December 13
Precode Barcoding File	August 21
Precode Online Rostering File	September 11

Gifted and Talented Grades 2-5: Performance Task Assessment (PTA)

Spring 2027

Event	Date(s)
Student Data Due to Vendor	January 7
Materials Shipped to Districts	January 15
New PTC Training	January 26
Online PTC Training (Experienced Only)	January 27
Student Test Booklets Shipped	February 8
Test Window	February 16 – March 5
All Materials Shipped to Vendor	March 16
Districts Receive Score Reports	May 14
Districts Receive Paper Copies of Individual Student Score Reports	May 27

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)

Fall Test Window

Start
The first 45 days of each school district's instructional calendar

NAEP

Spring 2027 Test Window

Start	End
January 25	March 19

Pre-Kindergarten Assessments (MyIGDIs and Teaching Strategies Gold)

Fall Test Window

Start
The first 45 days of each school district's instructional calendar

Spring Test Window

Start
The last 45 days of each school district's instructional calendar

PreACT

2026-27 Test Window

Start	End
September 1, 2026	April 23, 2027

PSAT/ NMSQT

Fall 2026

Start	End
October 1	October 30

Spring 2027- PSAT 10

Start	End
March 1	April 30

SAT

Fall 2026

Start	End
October 1	October 30

Spring 2027

Start	End
March 1	April 30

SC-ALT

Fall 2026

Event	Date(s)
Precode Files Posted to ADTS for District Review	September 10
District Precode Submission Deadline	September 8
TIDE Go-Live	October 1
DTC-Alt Training (In-Person)	October 7
District Information Technology Coordinator (DITC) Training (Virtual)	October 15

Spring 2027

Start	End
Learning Characteristic Inventory (LCI) Go-Live	February 1 – April 16
Test window	March 1– April 16

SC READY

Fall 2026

Event	Date(s)
DRC Technology Training Webinar	July 29; 10:00 AM

Spring 2027

Event	Date(s)
Precode Files Posted to ADTS for District Review	February 5
District Precode Submission Deadline	February 25
DTC Pretest Webinar	March 3; 10:00 am

Event	Date(s)
STC Pretest Webinar	March 11; 10:00am March 18; 2:30 pm
State Testing Window	Last 20 days of the instructional calendar (full & half days)

WIDA ACCESS

Fall 2026

Start	End
Districts Receive Test Administration Manuals	November 13 - 16
Deadline for Districts to Precode Data	November 20

Spring 2027

Start	End
Districts Receive Test Materials	January 14 – 15
Additional Test Materials Ordering Window in WIDA AMS	January 15 – February 26
Test Window	January 20 – March 5
Deadline for Shipping Completed Test Materials to DRC (Postmark Date)	March 19
Pre-Reporting Data Validations **–** LEAs in WIDA AMS	April 16 – April 27
Districts Receive ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS Reports and Data – Posted in WIDA AMS	May 13
Districts Receive Printed ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS Reports	May 26 – May 27
Post-Reporting Data Validation – LEAs in WIDA AMS	May 18 – May 24
Updated ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS Data **–** Posted in WIDA AMS for SEA and Districts	June 8

Classic Learning Test (CLT)

Fall 2026

Start	End
Paper Test Date	October 28
Online In-School Test Dates	October 28–29, November 14 (Saturday), December 8

Spring 2027

Start	End
Paper Test Dates	February 18, April 6
Online In-School Test Dates	January 23 (Saturday), February 18, March 11, April 6–7, May 22 (Saturday), June 17