

Listserv Update 8-11-26

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2026-27 Assessment Schedule Updates:

The 2026-27 Assessment Schedule has been updated to include additional information and dates provided by assessment vendors. Please refer to the attached schedule as you plan for the upcoming school year.

As a reminder, both the updated schedule and the interactive Assessment Calendar Dashboard are available on the [SCDE website](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Kayce Prince-Harvey, Team Lead for Testing & Data, at klprinceharvey@ed.sc.gov.

2026-27 WIDA PLU Offerings:

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) Office of Assessment and Standards (OAS) is excited to announce professional learning offerings for the 2026-27 school year in partnership with WIDA. Please see the attached flyer for a list of offerings along with registration links.

Please reach out to Meghan Walters-Branham (mgwalters@ed.sc.gov) with any questions.

2026-27 Junior Scholars Information

It is time to begin planning for the 2026-27 Junior Scholars program administration.

The South Carolina Junior Scholars Program was developed by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) during the 1985-86 school year to reflect the statewide effort to improve education in South Carolina and to provide for the needs of students possessing exceptional academic talent. The purpose of the program is to identify these students and to provide opportunities that will facilitate their intellectual growth, broaden their individual interests, and promote their scholastic achievement.

The PSAT/NMSQT testing window is October 1, 2026, through October 30, 2026. Schools may also choose to administer the assessment on Saturday, October 17, 2026. Please note that **September 30th is the deadline** to order the PSAT/NMSQT tests for your students.

Brochures, Information Sheets, and the Composite Form for submitting student information and data to the Office of Assessment and Standards (OAS) can be found on the SCDE website at [this link](#).

The deadline for submitting Junior Scholar information to OAS is **January 29, 2027**. Please submit the completed form through Formstack no later than January 29, 2027, using [this link](#).

Reminders:

1. Complete all of the information requested in the spreadsheet for each student. Group students by the schools attended. Include PSAT/NMSQT scores.
2. Include only students qualifying by eighth-grade PSAT/NMSQT scores of 550 or higher in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing or 530 or higher in Mathematics. Scores must be provided on this spreadsheet.
3. Do not change the formatting on the Excel spreadsheet. Districts must return this Excel spreadsheet. Google sheets are not accepted.
4. Please review all information before submitting it for accuracy.
5. All permission forms must be retained in the school district/private school/association office.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Holliday at jnholliday@ed.sc.gov.