SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Assessment and Standards Listserv Communication

Purpose

The purpose of the Office of Assessment and Standards Listserv Communication document is to serve as a centralized and organized repository for all official listserv communications disseminated by the Office throughout the academic year. This document aims to:

- Ensure consistent and transparent communication with stakeholders.
- Provide timely updates, guidance, and resources related to assessment and standards.
- Maintain an accessible historical record of all listserv messages for reference, accountability, and continuity.
- Support informed decision-making and collaboration across departments by preserving institutional knowledge.

By consolidating communications in a single, structured format, this document enhances clarity, promotes engagement, and reinforces the Office's commitment to excellence in educational assessment and standards.

Most Recent Listserv Update

Date	Audience	Communication
10/20/26	DTC	**Fall/Winter 2026-27 EOCEP TAM Updates** The **EOCEP Test Administration Manual (TAM)** has been updated to provide additional clarification and guidance for the Fall/Winter 2026-27 administration. Please review the attached document, which summarizes the updates and includes references to the corresponding pages in the TAM where each change can be found. This document is also available on DRC's INSIGHT Portal. If you have questions regarding the Fall/Winter EOCEP administration, please contact **Dr. Kirsten Hural** (KHural@ed.sc.gov).

Ongoing Communication Log

Date	Audience	Communication
10/19/26	DTC	**Action Required: Confirm 2026 KRA ISR Mailing Addresses by Oct. 26, 2026** Each year, we ask districts to reconfirm the mailing location(s) for paper Individual Student Reports (ISRs), which will be shipped after the close of the administration window. When completing the form, districts may choose to have: • **All ISRs shipped to the district office, or** • **ISRs shipped directly to individual schools.** If your district chooses to have ISRs shipped directly to schools, please download the **spreadsheet template** linked in the form, complete it with the appropriate STC/contact information for each school, and upload the completed spreadsheet to the form. Please note that districts that do not complete the form will automatically have all ISRs shipped to the district office. Please complete the **Office of Assessment and Standards: KRA ISR Mailing Addresses - 2026** form by **close of business on Monday, October 26**. For questions, please contact Meghan Walters-Branham at **mgwalters@ed.sc.gov**. Thank you for your assistance.

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10/9/26	DTC	**South Carolina Career Readiness Assessment (WIN) Message** Please see the information below regarding WIN Career Readiness testing for the 2026-27 school year. This update has also been shared through the WIN newsletter and will continue to be included in the newsletter every two weeks. *The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) and WIN Learning are pleased to announce that the same legacy test form used in the most recent SC Career Readiness Test administration will also be used for the Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 administrations.* *This approach is intended to support consistency across testing cycles and help ensure results can be compared reliably from one administration to the next. As a result, **scores will not change** because the assessments and scale are not changing during this school year.* If you have questions regarding Career Readiness testing, please contact David Trombly (**dctrombly@ed.sc.gov**), Program Manager for College and Career Readiness Assessments.

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10/8/26	DTC	**Updated College Entrance Exam Parent Form** As noted in the September 22nd SCDE memo, the **Classic Learning Test (CLT)** has been added to the list of approved college entrance exams available to South Carolina students. The decision regarding which assessment to take must be made at the student level. Eleventh-grade students may choose to take the **SAT, ACT, or CLT** during the school day, or they may choose not to participate in a college entrance exam administration. One exam offering is provided at no cost to parents. Districts should send a letter and accompanying form to the parent or guardian of each eleventh-grade student informing them of these options. The form should allow parents/guardians to indicate whether the student will take the SAT, ACT, CLT, or decline participation. The SCDE has updated its **sample form** to include the CLT. Districts may use the sample form or develop their own. Completed forms must be retained by the district for two years in the event of an audit. To learn more about college entrance exams, including the dates for ACT, SAT, and CLT administrations for the 2026-27 school year, please access the College Entrance Exam page of the SCDE website. Please reach out to David Trombly (**dctrombly@ed.sc.gov**) if you have any additional questions regarding college entrance exams.

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10/7/26	DTC	**USHC Course Codes** For special education students not enrolled in a traditional credit bearing course, the South Carolina Department of Education is raising awareness around the Rostering code 4858 for U.S. History and the Constitution. The course name is "U.S. History and the Constitution Rostering Code Only" and the Course Code is 4858. This code is for students not enrolled in a traditional credit-bearing course; it has the same structure as standard codes. When using this code, the 7th and 8th characters of the full SIS-code (academic tag and unit tag) MUST be coded with two zeros. For Questions about: • **Special Education**, please contact Peter Keup, pekeup@ed.sc.gov • **Rostering**, please contact District & Technology Services, edfiassessments@ed.sc.gov • **Accountability**, please contact Vann Holden, cvholden@ed.sc.gov and Era Roberts, earoberts@ed.sc.gov **EOCEP USHC Assessment**, please contact Kirsten Hural, KHural@ed.sc.gov
9/30/26	DTC	**DRC BEACON Update** Due to district request, the 2026-27 BEACON testing schedule has been adjusted to allow for an earlier **opening** of the assessment window for future school years. To support an earlier 2027-28 BEACON opening date of **July 26, 2027**, the 2026-27 BEACON test window will close slightly earlier than previously anticipated, on **June 18, 2027**. Please note the following: • The 2026-27 test window will close on June 18 for all assessments, including the grade 3 reading testlet. For districts that administer BEACON after grade 3 summer reading camp, please plan to administer those assessments on or before June 18, 2027. • If you are unable to administer the BEACON Reading testlet by June 18, you may instead use the SC READY Summer Grade 3 Reading Assessment to meet your assessment needs. Thank you for your flexibility as we make these adjustments in response to district feedback. If you have questions please contact Crystal Huckabee, clhuckabee@ed.sc.gov.

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9/23/26	DTC	**New Resource Available: WIDA ACCESS 2026-27 South Carolina Administration Guidance and FAQ** The South Carolina Department of Education is pleased to announce the release of the WIDA ACCESS 2026-27 South Carolina Administration Guidance and FAQ document, which is linked above and attached to this message. This resource serves as the primary state guidance document for the upcoming WIDA ACCESS administration and replaces previous WIDA ACCESS policy and guidance documents. It includes important reminders, updated procedures, key testing dates, and new policies that districts and schools should review in preparation for the 2026-27 administration. Highlights include: • New requirement for school-level testing schedule submissions • Updated guidance for individual administrations • Revised scratch paper procedures for the Speaking domain • Information about WIDA AMS audio streaming for paper administrations • LT4D submission procedures and deadlines • Testing window extension guidance • Updated test security expectations and screener violation reporting procedures • Professional learning opportunities and office hour schedules As there are several policy updates from the previous administration, districts are encouraged to review the document carefully and share it with all staff involved in WIDA ACCESS coordination and administration. As a reminder, this document supplements but does **not** replace required WIDA training, certification, or test security requirements. For questions, please contact Meghan Walters-Branham (mgwalters@ed.sc.gov).

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9/22/26	DTC	**Third Grade Good Cause Exemption Survey** The South Carolina Department of Education is conducting a survey to determine which assessment districts plan to use for third-grade Good Cause Exemption decisions under Act 114 at the conclusion of Summer Reading Camp in 2026-27. This information will support statewide planning and implementation. Please use this **Google Survey** to indicate your choice. Because each assessment option has different fiscal and operational implications, districts are encouraged to carefully consider their selection before responding. The assessment identified in this survey should represent the district's planned assessment for Summer Reading Camp implementation. **Please respond by October 23, 2026** If you have any questions regarding the survey, please reach out to Dr. Alisha Green (akgreen@ed.sc.gov), Director of the Office of Instructional Supports.

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9/18/26	DTC	**September 2026 DTC Monthly Office Hours Slides & Questions** The slides from the September 20206 DTC Monthly Office Hours are attached for your review. Additionally, a summary of questions and answers shared in the chat is provided below. **Q:** Will DRC's site only allow the no calculator section first, followed by calculator? **A:** At this time, there's been no update to the testing engine for DRC. Districts are responsible for ensuring that the math test is administered in the correct order. **Q:** Is the universal test security affidavit only for SC Ready, or are we moving in that direction for all assessments? **A:** The universal affidavit only applies to SC READY and EOCEP. **Q:** Who did the information for the SC Alt Technology Webinar get sent to? **A:** The email should have been send to your district technology coordinator. **Q:** Will test security agreements be added back into the TAMs? **A:** SCDE removed all appendices from the TAM and the necessary information was either moved elsewhere in the TAM or, if they were reproducible materials, they've been placed on the Portal. **Q:** Regarding training students - we have integrated many procedures and targeted training slides. You mentioned other districts had some great things going. Does anyone have a video? **A:** As a team, SCDE will reach out to districts who may be willing to share examples of videos they have created. We may also be able to include these resources as an upcoming DTC to DTC segment of our Office Hours. Stay tuned!

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9/3/26	DTC	The SCDE is currently reviewing plans to incorporate Quantile results into updated Spring 2026 SC READY district data files and electronic Individual Student Reports (ISRs). Because this review is still in progress, the posting of any updated district data files and electronic ISRs that would include Quantile results has been placed on hold. At this time, no action is required from districts. The reports and data files currently available remain unchanged. We recognize that districts were previously informed that updated files containing Quantile results were anticipated to be available in mid-September, and we appreciate your patience as this review continues. Additional information, including next steps and any revised timelines, will be communicated as soon as it becomes available. Please reach out to Daniel Cammisa (dcammisa@ed.sc.gov), Team Lead for Test Development and Administration, with any questions.
9/1/26	DTC	The 2026-27 District Testing Coordinator (DTC) Monthly Office Hours will launch in September. These Office Hours serve as an opportunity to provide relevant updates and ongoing support for DTCs throughout the school year. Topics will vary by month and will be shared ahead of each month's session through the Test Administration Listserv. Each Office Hours will be held virtually and will be recorded. A recurring link and dates are shared below: **Link: DTC Monthly Office Hours** **2026-27 Office Hour Dates** • Tuesday, September 15th, 3-4pm • Tuesday, October 20th, 3-4pm • Tuesday, November 17th, 3-4pm • Tuesday, January 19th, 3-4pm • Tuesday, February 16th, 3-4pm • Tuesday, March 16th, 3-4pm • Tuesday, April 20th, 3-4pm Please contact Kayce Prince-Harvey (klprinceharvey@ed.sc.gov), Team Lead for Testing & Data, with any questions.

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8/24/26	DTC	Please review the attached document Listserv Update 8-24-26 for key information and resources. This update includes guidance on: • 2026-27 College Readiness Senior Retake Funding • 2026-27 WIN Assessment Updates • KRA Webinar Information
8/12/26	DTC	Please review the attached document Listserv Update 8-12-26 for key information and resources. This update includes guidance on: • 2026-27 Assessment Schedule Updates • 2026-27 WIDA PLU Offerings • 2026-27 Junior Scholars

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8/4/26	DTC	**SAT Webinar Registration** Please see the message below from College Board regarding an upcoming SAT Webinar. Hello! I hope you are well and have gotten some time away this summer to rest and recharge! We are hosting a webinar to help schools and school districts in their planning for the SAT Suite of Assessments offerings in 2026-27. Please share the webinar details with others in your school district, including high school educators, to learn more about the SAT Suite of Assessments and connect with resources! **Thursday, August 27th at 11:00am** **Preparing for the 2026-27 SAT Suite of Assessments administration: a webinar for South Carolina educators** Agenda highlights include: • Updates to the SAT Suite of Assessments for the 2026–27 school year • Overview of steps Test Coordinators need to take to prepare for the upcoming administrations • Free practice resources available to students through College Board and Khan Academy Register for the August 27th webinar here (registration closes on August 26th). Thanks, Libby Brown Director, K-12 State and District Partnerships **College Board** libbrown@collegeboard.org **Clearing a path for all students to own their future.**

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7/28/26	DTC	**4K/5K Readiness Assessments Test Security Training Video** As part of ongoing efforts to support test security across state assessment programs, please review the pre-recorded 4K/5K Readiness Assessments Test Security Training. This recording can be used to support the training of all staff involved in administering the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA), myIGDIs, and/or Teaching Strategies GOLD. The video may be referenced throughout the school year to reinforce test security expectations and support the onboarding of new staff. Please note that viewing this recording does not replace district-level training or the reinforcement of district-specific test security policies and procedures. Rather, it should be used as a supplemental training resource. If you have questions regarding the 4K/5K Readiness Assessments, please contact Meghan Walters-Branham at mgwalters@ed.sc.gov. Thank you for your commitment to maintaining the integrity and security of our readiness assessments.

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6/29/26	DTC	**SC READY Assessment Structure for 2026-2027 School Year** The Office of Assessment and Standards is pleased to share with you the assessment structure for SC READY to assist with planning your testing schedules for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year. Your input is greatly appreciated and plays an important role in improving future administrations. **English Language Arts (ELA)** **Grades 3-5** • Three-day administration - Part A & Part B must be administered during the same school week (Monday - Friday). Grade 3 Reading must be administered in the first five days of the district's testing window to support the accelerated reporting schedule for preliminary rosters. It is at a district's discretion as to when they administer writing (before or after reading). • Reading – Part A • Reading – Part B • Writing **Grades 6-8** • Two-day administration - It is at a district's discretion as to when they administer writing (before or after reading). • Reading • Writing **Mathematics** **Grades 3-5** • One day, one part **Grades 6-8** • One day, two parts that must be administered in a particular order • Part 1: No calculator • Part 2: Calculator allowed **Science (Grades 4 and 6)** • One day, one part Please direct questions to SC READY Program Manager Crystal Huckabee at clhuckabee@ed.sc.gov or 803-734-8282.

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6/1/26	DTC	The DTC Survey for the 2025-2026 school year will close on Friday, June 5th. Please use the link provided below to provide feedback regarding this year's administration of assessments. The survey will also provide opportunities to submit questions for assessment vendors; responses to the submitted questions will be shared in upcoming communications. **Link:** DTC Survey Your input is greatly appreciated and plays an important role in improving future administrations. Please reach out to Kayce Prince-Harvey (klprinceharvey@ed.sc.gov), Team Lead for Testing & Data, if you have any questions.

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5/29/26	DTC	Please review the details below and complete the linked form to indicate your district's preference for bulk rostering by June 5th. Not submitting the form is the same as electing to not have any files provided. **TS GOLD Bulk Rostering** School districts will be responsible for completing bulk rostering within the SmartTeach dashboard. The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) will provide necessary files through ADTS. Two data pull options are available. Each district must select **one option only**. Any data not included in the provided files must be updated by the district. Training and support for completing rostering will be available during **the GOLD Monthly Office Hour** on **July 9, from 3:00–4:00 PM**. Please select one of the following options: • Option 1: Publish data by July 16 → Files available in ADTS after July 22 • Option 2: Publish data by July 30 → Files available in ADTS after August 5 **KRA Bulk Rostering** SCDE and KRA continue to work toward full Ed-Fi integration, with additional updates to be shared during the **Data Manager Training on June 16.** If the integration is not ready for Fall 2026 and your district prefers to receive files through ADTS (as in previous years), the following data pull options are available. Each district must select one option only, and any missing data must be updated at the district level. Please select one of the following options: • Option 1: Publish data by July 7 → Files available in ADTS after July 14 • Option 2: Publish data by July 21 → Files available in ADTS after July 28 If you have questions, contact Meghan Walters-Branham at **mgwalters@ed.sc.gov**.

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5/21/26	DTC	**4K/5K Training** In the original email there are attachments to the program-specific flyers to help prepare for the 2026-27 administration of 4K/5K Readiness Assessments. Please share with those in your organization to whom this pertains. Flyers include the following: • myIGDIs™ Virtual Training sessions registration links and Monthly Office Hour Information • myIGDIs™ OnDemand Refresher Course Guidance document • Teaching Strategies GOLD® Virtual Training Session dates with registration links and Monthly Office Hour Information • KRA New Training of Trainers Virtual Sessions registration Links • KRA OnDemand Training information for New and Returning TAs and Returning Trainers • KRA Data Manager Part A and Part B Training Dates with Links Please reach out to Meghan Walters-Branham (mgwalters@ed.sc.gov), 4K/5K Assessment Program Manager, with any questions.
5/7/26	DTC	Please review the attached document Listserv Update 5-7-26 for key information and resources. This update includes guidance on: • 2026 WIDA ACCESS Feedback Survey • Getting Ready for 2026-27 SAT and PSAT Administrations • DTC Survey Due June 5
4/28/26	DTC	Please review the attached document Listserv Update 4-28-26 for key information and resources. This update includes guidance on: • Students Not Tested (SNT) Guidelines and Instructions for Coding SNT in Powerschool
4/17/26	DTC	Please review the attached document Listserv Update 4-17-26 for key information and resources. This update includes guidance on: • Reimbursement for the International Baccalaureate Examinations and Cambridge International Examinations for 2025-26 • 2026-27 Assessment Schedule Draft

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4/15/26	DTC	As the SC READY testing window approaches, please remind school test coordinators to schedule time for students to complete the Online Tools Training (OTT) before testing begins. The OTT is a low-pressure, exploratory opportunity for students to practice using the testing platform, helping reduce barriers and support a smoother, more secure administration. It does not expose students to secure test content and may be used multiple times. Using the OTT allows students to: • Become familiar with the testing interface, navigation, and item types; • Practice using embedded tools (e.g., highlighting, cross-off tool, keypad entry, and calculators); and • Reduce anxiety by knowing what to expect, allowing them to focus on demonstrating what they know. Thank you for your continued leadership and for supporting schools in preparing students for a successful testing experience. **Questions:** Please contact Crystal Huckabee at clhuckabee@ed.sc.gov.

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3/25/26	DTC	Please see the attached breakdown of the Spring 2026 EOCEP STC Pretest Workshop held on March 10, 2026. If you have questions, please reach out to Kirsten Hural at khural@ed.sc.gov. The main topics discussed in the workshop, along with their corresponding timestamps, are as follows: • Introduction and Welcome: (00:06 - 02:24) • Today's Topics (02:25-03:28) • Program Overview: (03:30 – 05:34) • DRC Insight Portal Updates: (05:35 – 06:46) • Test Administration Manuals: (06:47 – 7:52) • School Testing Schedules: (07:53 – 09:04) • Test Format and Translated Directions: (09:05-11:04) • Parent and Student Notification and Resources: (11:04 - 12:56) • Testing Policies (Electronic Devices and Calculators): (12:56 - 15:10) • Important Dates for Spring 2026: (15:11 - 17:29) • Questions in the chat answered: (17:30- 19:39) • DRC INSIGHT Portal details: (19:40 – 23:11) • Test Security: (23:13 – 36:10) • Transcribing Paper Test Responses into the Online System: (36.23 – 37:47) • Participant Management and Online Accommodations: (38:11 - 45:35) • Student Registration: (45:35 - 49:40) • Online Testing Preparation and Administration: (49:51 - 57:37) • Post-Testing Procedures: (57:37 - 58:06) • DRC Customer Service and Closing: (58:06 - 59:58) Follow this link to view a recording of the live Spring 2026 EOCEP STC Pretest Workshop held on March 10, 2026: Please note if you need close captioning on the video, select the CC button.

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3/24/26	DTC	Each year, SCDE requests districts to provide updates related to 4K and 5K Readiness Assessments. This includes information such as who is the point of contact for: • coordinating and managing data for the assessments, if not the primary DTC; • accounting for enrollment numbers. • facilitating the rostering of teachers and students; and • determining training and material needs. Please provide this information by completing the following form by **Thursday, April 2, 2026.** 4K and 5K Readiness Point of Contact Form For questions related to 4K/5K Readiness Assessments, please contact Meghan Walters-Branham (mgwalters@ed.sc.gov).

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3/16/26	DTC	Please see the breakdown of the SC READY STC webinar recorded last week. If you have questions, please reach out to Crystal Huckabee at clhuckabee@ed.sc.gov SC READY STC Pretest Workshop Webinar (recorded March 12, 2026) The Spring 2026 SC READY STC Pretest Workshop webinar covers several key areas related to the upcoming assessment administration, including specific updates, security protocols, and portal management. The following is a breakdown of the topics discussed and their corresponding timestamps: • **Introductions and Housekeeping**: The session begins with introductions of the presenters from DRC and the South Carolina Department of Education, followed by housekeeping notes regarding recording policies and the availability of slides. (00:00) • **SC READY Overview**: This section provides a general summary of the SC READY assessment, including the grades and subjects tested, mandatory online testing, and provisions for paper testing. (03:30) • **Spring 2026 Updates** ○ DRC Insight Portal, manuals, mathematics, ELA, translated directions, rostering, parent resources and communication, electronic device policy, calculators, mixed mode testing, tested/reported school method, important dates. (3:31) • **DRC Insight Portal Deep Dive**: This segment offers a detailed look at portal features such as document access, user account management, and real-time monitoring. (32:30) • **Test Security**: This comprehensive section covers required training for staff, the management of secure materials, seating charts, and the protocol for reporting security violations. (36:12) • **Participant Management**: This topic focuses on loading and editing student records, verifying accommodations (especially for text-to-speech), and managing online testing registrations. (51:37) • **Online Testing Resources**: Discussion of student preparation tools like the narrated tutorial and Online Tools Training (OTT), as well as daily procedures and makeup testing guidelines. (01:06:44) • **DRC Customer Service**: Contact information and hours for technical and administrative support. (01:13:21) • **Q&A Sessions**: The presenters pause throughout the webinar to answer questions from attendees. (02:40, 25:42, 49:12, 58:47, 01:14:18)

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3/16/26	DTC	Please review Listserv Update 3-16-26 Update 3-16-26 for key information and resources. This update includes guidance on: • **EDPlanSC Updates for State Assessments** • **Upcoming Test Administration Team Office Hours** • **Clarification on Procedures for Late Arrivals**
3/10/26	DTC	Please review the attached document Listserv Update 3-10-26 for key information and resources. This update includes guidance on: • **Clarification on Test Monitor Use for Spring Testing** • **Reference Materials for SC READY** • **SC READY Grade-Level Assessment Guidance** • **SC READY Transcription Requirement for Paper Testers**
3/3/26	DTC	Please review the attached document Listserv Update 3-3-26 for key information and resources. This update includes guidance on: • **DRC BEACON Informational Webinar** • **Precode File Transfer Errors for SC READY and EOCEP** • **Unauthorized Websites Impersonating WIN Career Readiness System**
2/25/26	DTC	Please review the attached document Listserv Update 2-25-26 for key information and resources. This update includes guidance on: • **Mixed Mode Webinar for Approved Districts and Schools** • **Deadline for Submitting Testing Dates for SC READY and EOCEP – Action Required** • **WIDA ACCESS In Progress Status on Known Completed Tests** • **SC READY and EOCEP Pretest Training Webinar Requirement**
1/26/26	DTC	Please review the Listserv Update 1-26-26 for key information and resources. This update includes guidance on: • **Test Administration Team Office Hour Recordings** • **myIGDIs Virtual Training for New Test Administrators** • **Test Security Reminder**

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1/13/26	DTC	The next Test Administration Teams Office Hours meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20th, 3:00pm - 4:00pm. The scheduled topics are: • **SC Alt Assessments - Important Dates and Reminders** • **SC READY/EOCEP - Submitting Testing Dates** • **EOCEP - Rostering Adult Ed & Students without State IDs** January 20, 2026 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Join the meeting now** Meeting ID: 253 128 729 076 8 Passcode: WX7yq6No Also note, you can submit questions prior to the meeting by clicking this link **Questions?** We look forward to meeting with you.
1/12/26	DTC	Please review the Listserv Update 1-12-26 for key information and resources. This update includes guidance on the **Spring SAT Suite of Assessments Webinar** and details on the **manual entry required for certain SC-Alt high school students in TIDE**.

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12/17/25	DTC	Dear DTCs, The following email was sent out on Tuesday afternoon to Read to Succeed Coordinators, Summer Reading Camp Liaisons, and ELA Coordinators. We anticipate they will complete the survey, but would appreciate your collaboration with them to ensure you are aware of the selection. *Read to Succeed Coordinators, SRC Liaisons, and ELA Coordinators:* *The Office of Instructional Supports and the Office of Assessment and Standards are conducting a brief survey to assess the **preliminary** percentage of districts that may choose to re-administer SC READY Reading (Part A and Part B) at the end of Summer Reading Camp as a Good Cause Exemption, in accordance with Act 114.* *Please use the dropdown menu within this **Google Form** to select which assessment (alternate-approved or SC READY Reading) your district intends to use for the Good Cause Exemption at the conclusion of Summer Reading Camp this school year.* *Please complete this survey by Friday, January 9, 2026.* If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kristi Austin at kdaustin@ed.sc.gov
12/12/25	DTC	Due to the late availability and distribution of the ACCESS Test Administration Manual by WIDA, South Carolina will maintain the testing policy of allowing a notecard for the Speaking portion during the 2025-26 administration. In consultation with WIDA, WIDA Consortium, and Title III, we will discuss this policy for 2026-27 and provide notification of any changes prior to the beginning of the school year. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.
12/10/25	DTC	Click on the Listserv Update 12-10-25 for key information and resources. This update provides guidance on **Permissive Mode**, links to the **WIDA ACCESS Pre-Test Webinar** materials—including the presentation, recording, and a comprehensive guidance document—and important updates to the **Spring 2026 SAT Suite of Assessments**.
12/3/25	DTC	Click on Listserv Update 12-3-25 for an important announcement regarding an invitation to participate in the **DRC BEACON Standard Setting Workshop**.
12/2/25	DTC	Click on Listserv Update 12-2-25 for an important reminder about **posting testing schedules** and details on **NEW - WIDA ACCESS Test Administrator Webinars**.

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11/21/25	DTC	Click on the Listserv Update 11-21-25, which includes important updates to **Spring 2026 SC READY dates**, as well as a reminder and updates regarding **WIDA ACCESS**.
11/13/25	DTC	The next Test Administration Teams Office Hours meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, November 18th, 3:00pm - 4:00pm. The scheduled topics are: • Active Monitoring and Test Security — Tonya Kinard • Follow-up Q&A to DTC & STC Workshops — Kirsten Hural November 18, 2025 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Join the meeting now** Meeting ID: 253 128 729 076 8 Passcode: WX7yq6No Also note, you can submit questions prior to the meeting by clicking this link **Questions?** We look forward to meeting with you.
11/10/25	DTC	WIDA ACCESS Pre-test webinar will take place on **Monday, December 1, 2025; 11 am-12 pm** via Microsoft Teams. The webinar will focus on preparing for the upcoming administration of WIDA ACCESS, WIDA Alternate ACCESS, and WIDA ACCESS Kindergarten. It is an opportunity to ask questions, receive information/updates, and request specific support and guidance. The webinar will be recorded, and an FAQ document will be shared via the Test Admin Listserv the following week. To help us prepare for the session, we invite DTCs and ML coordinators to submit questions in advance: Pre-Assessment Formstack **Please complete the form no later than Tuesday, November 18th, 2025.** This webinar is **not** a replacement for any training specific to administering the assessment(s) available in the WIDA secure portal, and attendance at this session is voluntary. For questions, please contact Meghan Walters-Branham at mgwalters@ed.sc.gov

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10/27/25	DTC	Click on the Listserv Update 10-27-25, which includes important updates to **2025-26 Fall/Winter EOCEP TAM**, as well as a reminder about the **KRA Data Manager Clean-Up Window**.
10/20/25	DTC	Click on the Listserv Update 10-20-25, which includes important **SC READY assessment guidance** such as waiver notifications, **3rd grade ELA Reading** guidance, **paper testing timelines**, administration rules for **multi-part assessments**, and an updated **25-26 assessment schedule**. It also shares professional learning opportunities through **WIDA**.
10/17/25	DTC	The October 16th DRC Weekly Update included updated guidance on the use of permissive mode. "Use of permissive mode for online testing no longer requires SCDE approval. For more information about Permissive Mode, refer to the document posted to the Portal titled, "Tech Bulletin_Permissive Mode_Final." Permissive Mode is now an accessible feature for districts to use independently. This accommodation should be recorded as "Dictation of Responses" or "Nonverbal Indication of Selected Response" depending on the intended use of Permissive Mode. Schools should follow the procedures as outlined in the Test Administration Manual for the accommodation selected. The update to Permissive Mode will be discussed in the Test Administration office hours on October 21st. If you have any questions, please contact Dann Publicover at dfpublicover@ed.sc.gov.
10/7/25	DTC	Each year, we ask that your district reconfirm the location(s) where the paper ISRs will be sent after the close of the administration window. If your district chooses to have the ISRs sent directly to schools, there is a section to upload a spreadsheet with the STC/contact information for the schools. Please complete this form: Office of Assessment and Standards: KRA ISR Mailing addresses -2025 - Intellistack by the close of business on **Tuesday, October 21**. Thank you for your assistance. For questions, please contact Meghan Walters-Branham at mgwalters@ed.sc.gov.

Date	Audience	Communication
10/7/26	DTC	See the message below from the College Board regarding a change to the SC Fall Educator Workshops. Hello, The **South Carolina Fall Educator Workshops** will now be held virtually. If you have registered for the in-person event, that registration has been cancelled. Please use the links below to register for the virtual event on your preferred date/time. Monday, November 3 - 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Eastern Tuesday, November 4 - 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Eastern *We are excited to offer two interactive workshops for South Carolina Educators this Fall. These workshops will provide School Counselors and School Leaders with updates for the 2025-26 school year, as well as information that will be helpful in planning for the 26-27 school year. Participants will have the opportunity to explore the K12 Reporting Portal and view Fall 2025 Score Reports, learn AP Potential best practices, and hear more about AP Career Kickstart.* Feel free to forward this email to your colleagues so they can register, too! Please let me know if you have any questions. Libby **Libby Brown** Director, K-12 State and District Partnerships **College Board** libbrown@collegeboard.org **Clearing a path for all students to own their future.**