

Listserv Update 3-16-26

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EDPlanSC Updates for State Assessments:

There are two updates coming to EDPlanSC in their March release at the end of the month that will impact state assessments.

Gifted and Talented Alternate Methodology

Previously, there was not a space for indicating students accessing the Gifted and Talented Alternate Methodology rather than the more commonly used GT Assessments. The system will be updated to include "Gifted and Talented Alternate Methodology", and the available assessments will be included as checkboxes where the accommodations are typically presented. This will allow IEP teams to document exactly which assessments are being used in place of the standard GT Assessments. The list of available assessments comes directly from the state approved list.

Alternate Career Readiness

Additionally, Alternate Career Readiness will also be included as an assessment. Previously, teams indicating a student was participating in an Alternate Career Readiness assessment were unable to record which assessment would serve in its place. This assessment will now be included, and IEP teams will be able to select the assessment serving in its place from the checkboxes where accommodations are typically listed. The list of available assessments comes directly from the state approved list.

Upcoming Office Hours & Support

This topic will be discussed and reviewed during the following upcoming [Test Administration Office Hours](#), Hosted by the Office of Assessment and Standards on Tuesday, March 17th 3pm-4pm.

Following these office hours, if your district has further questions, please reach out to Dann Publicover, Accommodations Program Manager, dfpublicover@ed.sc.gov.

Upcoming Test Administration Team Office Hours:

The next Test Administration Teams Office Hours meeting is scheduled on **Tuesday, March 17th, 3:00pm - 4:00pm.**

The scheduled topics include:

- Follow-up to the Spring SC READY/EOCEP DTC Webinar (Kirsten Hural & Crystal Huckabee)
- EDPlan Update for GT Assessments - Alternate Methodology and Alternate Career Readiness
- OSES OTT [Lesson Plan Feedback Survey](#)
- Pre-reporting Data Validation (Meghan Walters-Branham)

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Meeting ID: 288 445 055 476 16

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We look forward to meeting with you.

Clarification on Procedures for Late Arrivals:

To support consistent practice across districts for SC READY and EOCEP testing, we are sharing guidance regarding procedures for late arrivals. Our shared goal is to maintain a secure, distraction-free environment for all testing students.

Entry Into Testing Rooms

To preserve test security and ensure consistent administration statewide, any student who misses the full administration of the scripted directions in their assigned testing room **cannot** join that session. Please remind hall monitors, Test Administrators, and School Test Coordinators that they should not read or summarize directions in the hallway to facilitate a student's late entry.

Required School Procedures

Schools should proactively designate a specific area to safely route late-arriving students without disrupting active testing environments. To ensure smooth operations, this plan should be communicated to the following personnel:

- Front office staff
- Hallway monitors
- Test Administrators
- Any staff involved in morning arrival or attendance procedures

Testing Options for Late Arrivals

Schools may accommodate late-arriving students using one of the following methods:

- **Same-Day Testing:** Schedule a separate testing session later that day, provided there is feasible staffing and enough time for students to finish the test.
- **Makeup Testing:** Add the student to the school's makeup testing list for administration during the appropriate window.

Thank you for your continued partnership in protecting the security, consistency, and integrity of statewide testing.

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