

Test Administration Office Hours

March 17, 2026

Deadline Reminders

- March 17 – PTA materials due back to vendor
- March 20 - SC READY Deadline to post testing schedules on school websites
- March 27 – SC READY Add'l Materials Ordering Window Opens
- March 28 – EOCEP Deadline to post testing schedules on school websites
- April 6 – SC READY Participation Management and Registration in DRC's INSIGHT portal.
- April 14 – EOCEP Participation Management and Registration in DRC's INSIGHT portal
- April 17 – SC Alt Assessment Test Window Closes
- April 20 – SC READY State Testing Window Opens
- April 28 - EOCEP State Testing Window Opens

WIDA ACCESS Reminders and Next Steps

- March 20 – Deadline for shipping completed test materials to DRC
- April 17 – April 28 – Pre-reporting data validation – LEAs make updates in WIDA AMS
- Directions and webinar recording available in secure portal or refer to the USER GUIDE supplement for Data Validation
- May 14 – Reports and Data Files Available – Available Online in WIDA AMS
- May 28 – May 29 – Reports Available in Districts – Printed (On)
- May 19 – May 26 – Post-reporting data validation – LEAs make updates in WIDA AMS
- June 9 – Updated Data Posted in WIDA AMS

DTC & STC Webinar Follow-Up

- Use of Monitors – Please see Listserv update from 3/10/26
- Late Arrivals – Please see Listserv update from 3/16/26
- Schedule Changes-please try to avoid late requests to change school test schedules.
- Reference Materials - Please see Listserv update from 3/10/26
- SC READY Grade Level Assessment Guidance - Please see Listserv update from 3/10/26

EDPlan SC Update and OSES OTT Lesson Plan Feedback Survey

- EDPlan SC Updates – Gifted and Talented (GT) Alternate Methodology and Career Readiness Alternate



- There will be updates with EDPlan SC to include Gifted and Talented (GT) Alternate Methodology and Career Readiness Alternate as assessments to be featured on the IEP. Both of these assessments are unique within EDPlan SC, as they feature the assessments or evaluations that will be serving in place of the standard assessment in the section typically used for accommodations. Users including these assessments on the students IEP will select the students participation and check the box or boxes of the assessments the team is using.
 - OSES OTT Lesson Plans Survey
 - The Office of Special Education Services has released lesson plans and resources related to the Online Tools Training (OTT). While these lessons and videos are to support Individuals with Disabilities, this is a great resource for all students needing support heading into the test. OSES is asking any users that have accessed this resource to complete a survey for future improvements.
 - Survey:
https://scoses.formstack.com/forms/feedback_for_online_training_tools_training_materials
 - OSES OTT Resource (featured at bottom of page):
<https://oses.ed.sc.gov/academic/academic-professional-resources/>
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Question and Answer from Office Hours

- The new late arrival policy will greatly increase the number of make-up sessions for schools. They have limited resources in both time and personnel. This decision adds to the weight they already carry. With EOCEP and SC READY being an untimed test, allowing a student to enter the room near the beginning of the test session is reasonable.
 - The late-arrival policy has not changed from previous years. We've simply clarified it after seeing it implemented in multiple schools in ways that were inconsistent with the intent with which it was written.
- Would like to clarify, for Mixed Mode Testing for students with precode labels, do we need to make sure student booklets are also marked as Mixed Mode or does the precode label take care of that for us?
 - Yes. The Mixed Mode Testing Workshop slides used in the training that was held March 3rd indicated that the Mixed Mode Testing" accommodation must be bubbled in the ELA Writing section on all answer documents.
- I think maybe part of it is that it is a test window and so folks are expecting flexibility within the window. My 2 cents
 - While a "window" exists, there are hard deadlines that must be met, like all SC READY grade 3 ELA tests being administered within the first five days of the test window. Another hard deadline is that schools must inform parents in a timely manner and must post testing schedules on the school's website at least one month prior to the state testing window opening. Additionally, the SCDE does monitor testing across the state. Because of the logistics associated with this, the state cannot approve changes beyond the opening of the state testing window.



- EOCEP has “hard” deadlines that indicate a lack of flexibility in school testing schedules. The Google Survey has a closing date, the test dates must be posted and parents must be notified. For EOCEP, we recommend that test dates be finalized before students arrive in the fall so that families can plan to avoid scheduling any vacations or appointments on testing day. The state testing windows for EOCEP do not shift from year to year, so it should be possible for schools to have a basic testing schedule that changes very little from year to year. To help clarify any confusion, future TAM editions will emphasize the importance of setting school testing schedules early and avoiding late changes to testing dates.

Additional Information

- This link will bring you to all recordings of previous Office Hours
 - <https://ed.sc.gov/tests/assessment-information/test-administrative-team-office-hours-videos/>
- Next Scheduled Test Administration Office Hours
 - April 21, 2026 - 3:00 pm