



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Test Coordinators

FROM: Susan D. Creighton
Office of Assessment

DATE: November 7, 2016

RE: Adoption List of Formative Assessments

On December 10, 2008, the State Board of Education approved the current South Carolina Adoption List of Formative Assessments. The following products are included:

Blending Assessment and Instruction Program (BAIP)
published by Computerized Assessment and Learning (CAL);

STAR Reading and STAR Mathematics
published by Renaissance Learning (RL); and

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)
published by Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA).

A call for submissions was issued on September 28, 2015 for test publishers to propose assessments for the adoption list. A panel of measurement experts evaluated 14 submissions for adherence to professional measurement standards and to determine if the products positively impacted student achievement. Using evaluation criteria developed jointly by the Education Oversight Committee and the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE), the evaluation panel did not approve any of the new submissions for adoption.

Policies Regarding Funding

Funds appropriated by the General Assembly must be used for the 2016–17 school year to:

- purchase products or supplementary materials for *Blending Assessment and Instruction Program (BAIP)*—Mathematics, *Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)*—reading, language usage, or mathematics, *STAR Reading and/ Mathematics*; and

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- pay for training associated with the implementation or use of these products.

Districts that have already used district funds for the purposes stated above may use these funds to off-set costs for the purchase of products on the adoption list. These funds cannot be used for other formative or interim assessments.

Procedures for Receipt of Formative Assessment Funds

To receive funds, the following documents must be submitted by December 16, 2016.

1. A completed **survey**
2. A copy of **an invoice** from one of the three companies—Computerized Assessment and Learning (CAL), Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), Renaissance Learning (RL)—showing the purchase of BAIP, MAP, or STAR for the 2016–17 academic school year. In addition, the invoice must include the number of students tested and the cost.

The documents should be e-mailed to Christopher Seay at cseay@ed.sc.gov or faxed to 803-734-8886.

If the required documents (survey and invoice) are not submitted by **December 16**, the SCDE will assume the district is not requesting funds. If you have questions, you may contact Christopher Seay at 803-734-8432 or by e-mail at cseay@ed.sc.gov.

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