

## 2025–26 Assessment Schedule

### Office of Assessment and Standards

*Precode dates indicate the day on which student enrollment data will be pulled from PowerSchool. If student data is entered after this date, it will not be in the precode file given to the contractors.*

*DTCs and STCs are responsible for ensuring that the test dates for each assessment program, and each subject within each program, are posted on the school’s website at least one month prior to the opening of the state–approved testing window.*

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#### Prekindergarten Assessments

##### 4–Year–Old Prekindergarten

###### iTest Window

The first 45 days and the last 45 days of each school district’s instructional calendar

###### myIGDIs™

Dashboard will be open July 31, 2025 to begin entering scores.

**Precode Note.** For myIGDIs Assessment roster data will move from PowerSchool to EdFi by publishing the Assessment category. District data managers will **not** be able to make any edits to student enrollment on the dashboard. If there are errors in the dashboard, such as missing students or duplicate files, districts will need to check PowerSchool and make sure their PowerSchool Administrator is pushing the assessment information back to the State. SCDE advises this to happen two times (at least) weekly during the administration window. Please refer to ORDA’s guidance regarding any updates to rostering for 4K Assessments.

###### GOLD®

Dashboard will be open by July 31, 2025 to begin entering scores.

First Precode File

TBA

Second Precode File

TBA

Third Precode File

TBA

## **Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)**

### **5–Year–Old Kindergarten**

<b>Test Window</b>	the first 45 days of each school district's instructional calendar
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**Precode Note.** Johns Hopkins University is working with the Office of Research and Data Analysis (ORDA) to prepare for Ed-Fi integration. If Ed-Fi is not ready, the precode extraction dates are:

First Precode File	TBA
Second Precode File	TBA
Third Precode File	TBA

SCDE provides the precode files to the districts (via ADTS) for uploading into the K-Ready system. Depending on the district beginning school dates upload one of the following files:

First Precode File	TBA
Second Precode File	TBA
Third Precode File	TBA

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## **Gifted and Talented Assessments    Grade 2**

### **Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) and Iowa Assessments (IA)**

School districts **must administer both tests** (CogAT and Iowa) to students in the second grade.

<b>Test Window</b>	October 6-28, 2025
<b>Pretest Webinars</b>	September 9, 2025 (paper) September 11, 2025 (online)
<b>Data Manager Training Webinars</b> <b>Three live trainings.</b> <b>Posttest Webinar</b>	Week of September 15, 2025  November 6, 2025
<b>Data Files and Score Reports (paper)</b>	December 4, 2025
<b>Barcoding Precode File (for paper)</b> <b>Online Roster File</b>	August 26, 2025 September 17, 2025

## **Performance Task Assessments (PTA) – Grades 2–5**

<b>Student Data from Fall Due</b>	January 8, 2026
<b>Test Window</b>	February 17, 2026–March 13, 2026
<b>DTC/STC Training (new)</b>	January 27, 2026
<b>DTC/STC Training (experienced)</b>	January 28, 2026 (e-mail and webinar)
<b>Data Files to Districts</b>	May 15, 2026
<b>ISRs Shipped to Districts (paper)</b>	May 29, 2026

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## **ACCESS for ELLs® and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs®**

### **English Language Proficiency Assessments, Grades K–12**

<b>Test Window</b>	January 20, 2026 – March 6, 2026
<b>TAMS will arrive</b>	November 17-19, 2025
<b>Districts can begin creating test sessions</b>	December 26, 2025
<b>Materials will arrive</b>	January 15-16, 2026
<b>Extra materials can be ordered</b>	January 16-February 27, 2026
<b>Materials will need to be returned by</b>	March 20, 2026
<b>Scores available online -WIDA AMS</b>	May 12, 2026
<b>Reports will arrive in districts</b>	May 22, 2026
<b>Precode Collection</b>	December 1, 2025
<b>Training Sessions</b>	TBD

## **End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP)**

### **Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 2 and United States History and the Constitution**

Each District Test Coordinator (DTC) is responsible for identifying the district-level testing window (within the state testing window) and for notifying the School Test Coordinator (STC) of the testing schedule. **All scheduled testing, including make-up tests, must be administered within the district's testing-window.**

For Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 2–Reading, and USHC, the district testing window **must not begin earlier than the last 15 instructional days of the semester or school year.** EOCEP testing must be scheduled to begin early in the district testing window and must include dates for make-up testing that are within the district window.

For the English 2 Writing section, the district testing window **must not begin earlier than the last 20 instructional days of the semester or school year.** English Reading and Writing sections must not be administered on the same day. The SCDE opens the state testing window as early as possible, but some district calendars may not allow for a full 20-day Writing window inside the state testing window.

For all tests, the district testing window may be scheduled to extend beyond the end of the semester or school year.

#### **Test Windows**

##### **Fall/Winter 2025–2026** (State Window TBD)

***Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 2-Reading, USHC*** last 15 instructional days of the semester or later

***English 2-Writing*** last 20 instructional days of the semester or later

##### **Spring 2026** (State Window TBD)

***Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 2-Reading, USHC*** last 15 instructional days of the semester/schoolyear or later

***English 2-Writing*** last 20 instructional days of the semester/schoolyear or later

**Summer 2026 State Testing Window** June 29, 2026–July 31, 2026

**Technology Coordinator Training** TBD

**Fall/Winter DTC Pretest Workshop** October 21, 2025

**Spring DTC Pretest Workshop** March 5, 2026

**Fall/Winter 2025-26 Precode File due** TBD

**Spring 2026 Precode File due** TBD

## SC READY

English Language Arts and Mathematics, Grades 3–8  
Science, Grades 4 and 6, Social Studies\* 5 and 8

*\* Social Studies will not be assessed for the 2025-2026 school year.*

### Test Windows

<b>Online Testing</b>	The last 20 school days as determined by the district's instructional calendar.
<b>Paper Testing</b>	The first 10 school days of each district's twenty-day testing window as determined by the district's instructional calendar.
<b>Technology Webinar</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Pretest Workshop for DTCs</b>	<b>March 5, 2026</b>
<b>Pretest Workshop for STCs</b>	<b>March 12, 2026 &amp; March 19, 2026</b>
<b>Print Precode File</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Precode Update File</b>	<b>TBD</b>

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### South Carolina–Alternate Assessment (SC–Alt) Online

SC Alternate Assessment for SC READY (ELA and Math: Grades 3–8)  
SC Alternate Assessment for SCREADY (Science: Grades 4 and 6)  
SC Alternate Assessment for EOCEP  
(English 2, Algebra 1, US History and the Constitution, & Biology)

<b>Test Window</b>	March 2, 2026–April 17, 2026
<b>TIDE Go–Live</b>	November 28, 2025
<b>DTC Alt Training</b>	December 3, 2025
<b>Spring LCI Go–Live</b>	February 9, 2026–April 17, 2026
<b>Precode</b>	November 12, 2025

## Grade 10 Assessments

Districts must offer one or more of the following tests: PSAT or PreACT. Districts may choose any dates from the options provided by the publishers.

### The College Board

#### PSAT/NMSQT

**Test Window** October 1–31, 2025

More information is available on the PSAT at <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/k12-educators/tools-resources/educator-resources>.

#### ACT, Inc.

#### PreACT

**Test Window** September 2, 2025 – May 1, 2026

The test date and time is selected by the school within the annual test window.

More information on the PreACT is available at <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/preact/resources.html>.

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## Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

The College Board has scheduled the AP Exams during the following test windows.

**Regular Dates:**

Not yet announced

**Late Testing Dates:**

Not yet announced

For more the dates of the subject area exams, see the link below.

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/exam-dates>

## Career Readiness Assessment

Districts must administer the career readiness assessments to all 11th grade students. In addition, districts must administer the career readiness assessments to 12th grade students who have not been tested or those who wish to retake one or more parts of these tests to improve their scores and/or credentials. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year and going forward, all 12th grade students (both first time test takers and senior re-takes) will be required to test online unless they have an IEP, 504 or ILAP requiring paper testing.

Seniors may retake the assessment only two times in the 12th grade— once during the fall administration and once during the spring administration. Students may not retake any part of the Career Readiness Assessment during the same test window. If a student has more than one test attempt or test score for fall or spring, the Office of Assessment and Standards will delete any unauthorized attempt/score.

ML students new to the country that are classified as either a Junior or Senior, regardless of 9GR, are allowed to participate in the Career Readiness assessment with their grade level cohort.

<b>Fall Test Window (12<sup>th</sup> Grade)</b>	October 27, 2025–November 7, 2025
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<b>Spring Test Window (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)</b>	March 23, 2026–April 17, 2026
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### Training Webinars Fall 2025

Pretest Webinar—DTC Only	Tuesday, September 9, 2025
Pretest Webinar—DTC Only	Thursday, September 11, 2025
STC & TA Webinar (Online)	Wednesday, September 17, 2025
STC & TA Webinar (Paper)	Thursday, September 18, 2025
STC & TA Webinar (Paper and Online)	Tuesday, September 23, 2025
STC & TA Webinar (Online)	Thursday, September 25, 2025

<b>DTC Posttest Webinar—DTC Only</b>	Wednesday, December 3, 2025
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### Training Webinars Spring 2026

Pretest Webinar—DTC Only	Tuesday, February 3, 2026
Pretest Webinar—DTC Only	Thursday, February 5, 2026
STC and TA Webinar (Online)	Wednesday, February 11, 2026
STC and TA Webinar (Paper)	Thursday, February 12, 2026
STC and TA Webinar (Paper and Online)	Tuesday, February 17, 2026
STC and TA Webinar (Online)	Thursday, February 19, 2026
STC and TA Webinar (Paper)	Tuesday, February 24, 2026

<b>DTC Posttest Webinar—DTC Only</b>	Thursday, May 7, 2026
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<b>Fall District Data Files</b>	Monday, December 15, 2025
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<b>Fall Credentials/ISRs</b> Shipped to Schools	Monday, January 12, 2026
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<b>Spring District Data Files</b>	Monday, June 15, 2026
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<b>Spring Credentials/ISRs</b> Shipped to Schools	Monday, June 22, 2026
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<b>Fall Precode File</b>	Monday, August 18, 2025
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<b>Spring Precode File</b>	Monday, December 8, 2025
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Precode dates are the dates that WIN Learning wants the files, not when they will be pulled.



## College Entrance Assessments

Districts must offer all eleventh-grade students the opportunity to take the ACT or the SAT college entrance assessment. Eleventh grade students are students in the third year of high school after their initial enrollment in the ninth grade. For the 2025-2026 school year funds are available for 12th grade students to take one college readiness assessment.

### The ACT

Districts **may select** an initial testing date, a makeup date, and an emergency date from the options given below. Districts do not have to choose a makeup date and/or emergency date.

**ACT is offering a fall online administration this year.** Fall and spring administrations are completely separate; ACT will provide separate score reports, data files, and key dates.

#### ACT Fall 2024 Paper and Online Test Dates

Paper Test Dates	Online Test Dates including accommodations	Accommodation Test Dates for Paper
September 30, 2025	September 30, 2025 October 1-3, & 6-10 2025	September 30, 2025 October 1-3 & 6-10, 2025
October 14, 2025	October 14–17, 2025 October 20–24, 2025	October 14–17, 2025 October 22–24, 2025
October 28, 2025	October 28-31, 2025 November 3–7, 2025	October 28-31, 2025 November 3–7, 2025

#### ACT Spring 2026 Paper and Online Test Dates

Paper Test Dates	Online Test Dates including accommodations	Accommodation Test Dates for Paper
February 24, 2026	February 24–27, 2026 March 2–6, 2026	February 24–27, 2026 March 2–6, 2026
March 10, 2026	March 10–13, 2026 March 16–20, 2026	March 10–13, 2026 March 16–20, 2026
March 24, 2026	March 24–27, 2026 & March 30- 31, April 1–3, 2026	March 24–27, 2026 & March 30-31, April 1–3, 2026

## **The SAT**

The College Board has fully transitioned to online testing.

### **Fall 2025 SAT**

#### **Test Window**

October 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025

### **Spring 2026 SAT**

#### **Test Window**

To be determined

## **National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)**

Main NAEP Reading: Grades 4 and 8 (national- and state-level results)	Winter 2026*
Main NAEP Mathematics: Grades 4 and 8 (national- and state-level results)	Winter 2026*
Main NAEP, Civics: Grade 8 (national-level results)	Winter 2026
Main NAEP, US History: Grade 8 (national-level results)	Winter 2026

The exact test window(s) is TBD. In late fall of 2025, the NAEP state coordinator will work with SCDE's Office of Research and Data Analysis to share schools' student enrollment for the sampled grades with the NAEP sampling statisticians. To date, no announcements have been made about field tests, field trials, or international assessments for 2025-2026.

\*In May 2023, the National Assessment Governing Board unanimously approved a resolution to request for Congress to move the 2026 assessments in reading and mathematics to 2027. Congress is yet to act on the request, so for now, these assessments will take place in 2026.

## South Carolina Junior Scholars Program

**Districts may offer the PSAT/NMQST to current 8th grade students** to qualify for the Junior Scholars Program on the following test dates.

**Test Window**  
**Saturday Windows**

October 1–October 31, 2025  
October 11, 2025

All testing, including make up testing, must take place during this testing window.

Students don't register for the PSAT/NMQST through The College Board. Schools and districts choose whether and when to offer it. Students must be tested at pre-approved middle school sites. Bottom of Form

The South Carolina Department of Education is not involved in the PSAT/NMQST assessment for the Junior Scholars Program.

Contact College Board directly with any questions related to the test's administration. Please visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/k12-educators/psat-nmsqt-dates> or call 888-477-7728 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (September to early June), for more information.