

## Biology 1 Test Blueprint 2025-26

### Test Design Summary

- This blueprint is for the assessment of the [South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Science Standards 2021 for EOCCEP Biology 1](#).
- The test is not timed.
- The test is one section.
- The assessment consists of 50 test items.
- There will be 10 additional embedded field test items on the spring assessment. These ten additional items may include two stimulus sets with four stand-alone items or one stimulus set with six stand-alone items.
- Test items cover a range of cognitive complexity levels and a range of difficulty levels.
- Item types that may appear are included on the [EOCEP Biology 1 Item Type Descriptions](#).
- The 2026 assessments include three operational stimulus sets that provide a context for three related items.
- All linked and additional EOCCEP resources, such as the *Biology 1 Assessment Specifications* and data review documents at [Assessment Quick Links for Teachers](#) accessible through the “Educators” button on The South Carolina Department of Education webpage.

### Performance Expectations and Item Range in Each Reporting Category

The table outlines the reporting categories, performance expectations within reporting categories, and the number of items assessed per reporting category on the test.

Reporting Category	Performance Expectations (PEs)	Number of PEs	Number of Items per Reporting Category
Structure and Processes	B-LS1-4, B-LS1-5, B-LS1-6, B-LS1-7	4	10 to 15
Ecosystems	B-LS2-1, B-LS2-5, B-LS2-7	3	10 to 14
DNA and Heredity	B-LS1-1, B-LS3-2, B-LS3-3	3	11 to 14
Biological Evolution	B-LS4-1, B-LS4-2, B-LS4-4, B-LS4-5	4	10 to 15
<b>Total Number of Items</b>			<b>50</b>

### Percent Range of Each DOK

The table outlines the minimum and maximum percentages of items at each DOK level on the test.

DOK Level	Min./Max. % of Items on Test
1	0 to 10
2	60 to 70
3	25 to 30