

TO: District Test Coordinators  
District Early Childhood Coordinators  
District Test Coordinators for Alternate Assessment  
District Special Education Directors

RE: 4K and 5K Readiness Assessments for Students with Disabilities

The guidance document for assessing 4K and 5K students with disabilities located on the SCDE website (<https://ed.sc.gov/tests/elementary/pre-kindergarten-readiness-assessments/>) provides information for ensuring meaningful participation for students with disabilities when taking the prekindergarten (4K) and kindergarten (5K) readiness assessment and replaces the previous version of the guidance document.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act requires that Individualized Education Program (IEP) teams determine testing accommodations on statewide assessments that provide equitable access for students with disabilities and do not invalidate the test results. Most students with disabilities should be able to participate in the readiness assessment as presented. However, some items may not be accessible for students with specific access needs.

The guidance provides recommendations for alternative modes of presentation and/or response options that provide access to the readiness assessment for students with disabilities. Local Educational Agencies and IEP teams should carefully review the guidance document before administering the readiness assessment.

These readiness assessments should also be administered to students who have significant cognitive disabilities and who may be eligible to participate in a South Carolina Alternate Assessments (SC-Alt). The selected readiness assessments are intended to measure a student's foundational skills; therefore, these readiness assessments will provide valuable instructional information to teachers of all students.

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