

SC READY ELA 6-8 Test Blueprint 2025-26

Test Design Summary

- This blueprint is for assessing the *2024 South Carolina College-and-Career-Ready ELA Standards*.
- The assessment is not timed.
- The assessment is administered in two sessions: Reading and Writing.
- The assessment consists of 55 operational items.
- There will be embedded field test items across all sessions.
- Test items cover a range of cognitive complexity levels and a range of difficulty levels.
- Item types that may appear are included on the [SC READY ELA 6-8 Item Types and Descriptions](#).
- All linked and additional SC READY resources are available on the [Assessment Quick Links for Teachers](#) page accessible via the “Educators” button on the South Carolina Department of Education webpage.

Sessions and Reporting Categories

This table outlines the sessions, reporting categories, indicators within a reporting category, and the number of items assessed per reporting category on the test.

Session	Reporting Categories	Indicators Within Reporting Categories	Number of Items per Reporting Category
Reading Session	Reading Literary Text	AOR.1.1 AOR.1.2 AOR.2.1 AOR.3.1 AOR.5.1 AOR.6.1.(RL)	8-12
	Reading Informational Text	AOR.2.2 AOR.4.1 AOR.5.2 AOR.5.3 AOR.6.1.(RI)	8-12
	Reading (vocabulary) Across Genres	AOR.7.1 AOR.8.1 AOR.9.1	8-12

Session	Reporting Categories	Indicators Within Reporting Categories	Number of Items per Reporting Category
Writing Session	Writing	C.1.1 C.2.1 C.3.1 C.4.1 C.5.1	16-20 plus one 4-point TDW Item
	Research and Evaluating Ideas	R.1.1 R.1.2 R.1.3 R.1.4	8-10
Total Number of Items Including TDW			55

Text-Dependent Writing (TDW)

The TDW item is an extended response item scored with a holistic rubric. The point range of the rubric is 1 (lowest) to 4 (highest). The maximum number of points for the TDW item is 4. There are three TDW Rubrics for SC READY grades 6-8: [Grades 5-6 TDW Rubric](#), [Grades 7-8 TDW Rubric “To Inform”](#), and [Grades 7-8 TDW Rubric “To Persuade”](#).

Depth of Knowledge (DOK) Range

This 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	0-15
2	60-90
3	5-15