Grade Level Participation

Grades 3, 4, and 5

Tuesday, May 7   8:30 AM

SC READY ELA Session 1 (TDA)
*Estimated 2 hours
Test is administered online.
Students will have an ELA Passage Booklet for Online Testers.

Thursday, May 9   8:30 AM

SC READY ELA Session 2
*Estimated 1.5 hours
Test is administered online.
Students will have an ELA Passage Booklet for Online Testers.

Wednesday, May 15   8:30 AM

SC READY Mathematics
*Estimated 2 hours
Test is administered online.

Grades 4, and 5

Thursday, May 16   8:30 AM

SCPASS Science—Grade 4
Test is administered online.
*Estimated 1 hour
SCPASS Social Studies—Grade 5
Test is administered online.
*Estimated 1 hour

*SC READY and SC PASS tests are not timed.
*During testing, students may not be in possession of any electronic device(s).

Online Resources

Assessment

SC PASS Detailed Information
https://ed.sc.gov/tests/middle/scpass/

SC READY Information for Parents
https://ed.sc.gov/tests/middle/sc-ready/information-for-parents/

SC PASS Essentials: A Brochure for Students and Parents
http://ed.sc.gov/tests/tests-files/scpass-files/2018-scpass-essentials-brochure/

Standards and Learning
http://ed.sc.gov/instruction/standards-learning/

Keyboarding

Typing Agent - Classlink Launchpad with Student Login
Big Brown Bear - www.bigbrownbear.co.uk/
Text Type 2- www.doorwayonline.org.uk/texttype.html
Dance Mat Typing - www.kidztype.com/
ABCya! Alpha Munchies- www.abcya.com/kids_typing_game.htm
ABCya! Typing Race - www.abcya.com/typing_race_cars.htm
ABCya! Sky Chase - www.abcya.com/keyboarding_chase.htm
Typing Test Games - www.typingtest.com/games.html

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South Carolina College- and Career- READY Assessments and South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards

581 Berkeley Dr.
Clemson, SC 29631
http://cle.pickens.k12.sc.us/

A Note about Testing

Nature's blooms not only symbolize the coming of spring but also the arrival of our state assessments. Beginning in May, students in grades 3-5 across South Carolina will have the opportunity to show what they have learned through the course of this school year.

SC READY is a tool being used to measure students' ELA and mathematics skills. Along with being administered online, this assessment will shift the focus of what has been the traditional ELA writing prompt. Students have been actively preparing for this as they have studied, practiced, and been assessed on state standards in their classrooms during the year.

This pamphlet is designed to give you some general information about this year's testing as well as provide resources that may be useful for you at home. Helpful links and additional information can also be found on our school website at http://cle.pickens.k12.sc.us/ .

Thank you for your continued support of our Clemson Elementary students. We look forward to sharing your student's results with you in the fall.

About the Assessments...

The **South Carolina College- and Career-READY Assessments (SC READY)** are statewide assessments aligned to grade level standards in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. SC READY test items are written to assess students' mastery of the content knowledge and skills described in the academic standards and indicators.

All students in grades three through eight are required to take the SC READY except those who qualify for the South Carolina Alternate Assessments (SC-Alt).

Computer-based SC READY Assessments will be administered at Clemson Elementary between May 3 and May 24. The assessments are not timed; however, the Office of Assessment is providing estimated times which represent best approximations to assist with classroom scheduling.

The writing prompt will be a "text-dependent analysis" (or TDA) item. This type of item requires that students read a piece of text or passage and draw upon that text for their written responses—e.g., support their responses with evidence from the text. The type of text that the students read and respond to for the TDA item may be from various genres or different modes, such as persuasive, expository, narrative, or descriptive.

For the TDA item, students will have access to a writer's checklist to help them plan, write, and proofread their responses. ELA Passage Booklets will be provided for students. Students may highlight or mark the texts on the paper copy. They will also have access to scratch paper which may be used to create a rough draft of their response which they can then key/type into the online system.

In addition to the text-dependent analysis item, ELA test items will include selected response, text-based selected response, and technology-enhanced items. Mathematics items will be selected response or technology-enhanced items.

The **South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS)** is a statewide assessment administered to students in grades four through eight. All students in these grade levels are required to take the SCPASS except those who qualify for the South Carolina Alternate Assessment (SC-Alt). SCPASS includes tests in two subjects: science and social studies.

Like SC READY, SCPASS test items are constructed to assess students' mastery of content knowledge and skills described in the academic standards and indicators.

Computer-based SCPASS tests will be administered between May 3 and May 24. The SCPASS science and social studies tests contain multiple-choice items as well as technology-enhanced items. These assessments are not timed.

Information provided in this pamphlet as well as sample test items, scoring rubrics, and more in-depth information about SC READY and SCPASS Assessments is available on the State Department of Education's website. Copies of South Carolina Academic Standards for all grade levels and content areas can also be found on the site. For your convenience, some of those links have been listed on the back of this pamphlet.

Information included in this section was provided by the South Carolina State Department of Education.