

Timeline of Federal and State-Required Assessment in SC Public Schools

PreK

4-year olds

One of three formative assessments (PALS, myIGDIs, and Teaching Strategies Gold) is administered to publicly funded pre-K students during the first 45 days of school and the last 45 days of school.

STATE-REQUIRED



Elementary



Kindergarten

The Kindergarten Readiness Assessment is administered to kindergarten students during their first 45 days of school. It provides a snapshot of a child's abilities in Language/Literacy, Mathematics, social foundations, and physical well-being. A universal screener is also required three times a year. **STATE-REQUIRED**

2nd Grade

Students are administered The CogAT and Iowa assessments to determine placement in a district gifted and talented program. **STATE-REQUIRED**

3rd-5th grade

Students are administered SC READY (ELA and Math) in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. SC PASS Science is given to students in 4th grade. All tests are given in the last 20 days of school.

FEDERAL-REQUIRED



Middle

6th-8th grade

Students are administered SC READY (ELA and Math) in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. SC PASS Science is given to students in 6th grade. All tests are given in the last 20 days of school. **FEDERAL-REQUIRED**



High



High School students

End-of-Course exams are given to students in English I, Algebra I, Biology I and US History and the Constitution following the course. Some middle school students take End-of-Course exams. **FEDERAL-REQUIRED EXCEPT FOR U.S. HISTORY WHICH IS STATE-REQUIRED**

11th grade

Students in their 3rd year of high school are administered a Career Ready exam and offered a college readiness exam. **STATE-REQUIRED**



Postsecondary Readiness in College & Careers

SC School Districts often choose to assess children using formative, or benchmark assessments (i.e., MAP or STAR) during their elementary and middle school years. School districts are assessing children when they enter school in Fall 2020 since the pandemic resulted in school closures and no Spring summative testing occurred.

South Carolina also administers assessments for students who are English Language Learners and students with significant cognitive disabilities.