

South Carolina State Assessments for 2026-2027

Assessment	Purpose	Grade(s)	Date
Kindergarten Readiness Assessment	Determining a student's readiness to begin K5	K	August 17 - October 8, 2026
Fall Formative Assessment MAP	Measuring what students know and how they are growing academically	1-8 Reading 1-8 Math K Reading K Math	August 19, 2026 August 20, 2026 August 25, 2026 August 26, 2026
CogAT/IOWA	Identify students for gifted and talented programs, to understand learning strengths, and guide academic placement	2, other students identified	October 20-23, 2026
Formative Assessment (Winter)	Measuring what students know and how they are growing academically	K-8 Reading K-8 Math Makeups	December 8, 2026 December 9, 2026 December 10-11, 2026
ACCESS for ELLs	Measuring their progress in learning academic English and to help schools decide how to support them	English Language Learners	January 25-Feb. 5, 2027
Performance Task (PTA)	Measuring learning strengths, and guide academic placement	Specific students in grades 2-5 based on CogAT or SC Ready scores	March 9-12, 2027
Formative Assessment (Spring)	Measuring what students know and how they are growing academically	K-8 Reading K-8 Math Makeups	March 23, 2027 March 24, 2027 March 25-26, 2027
SC READY	Measuring how well students are meeting	3-5 Reading Part A	April 28, 2027

	the state's academic standards	Reading Part B Writing Math Part A Math Part B Science (only 4) 6-8 ELA Reading Writing Math Science (only 6)	April 29, 2027 May 4, 2027 May 5, 2027 May 6, 2027 May 11, 2027 April 28, 2027 May 4, 2027 May 5, 2027 May 11, 2027
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