

2021–22 Assessment Schedule

Office of Assessment

Precode Collection dates indicate the last day in which districts must have student enrollment data entered into PowerSchool. If student data is entered after this date, it will not be in the precode file given to the contractors. This may result in districts having to upload or hand-enter student data.

Prekindergarten Assessments

4-Year-Old Prekindergarten

Districts must administer one of the following assessments to each 4-year-old prekindergarten student *during the first 45 days* of the school year and *during the last 45 days* of the school year.

PALS	published by Illuminate
myIGDIs™	published by Renaissance Learning
GOLD®	published by Teaching Strategies®

Precode Collection: September 3, 2021

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)

5-Year-Old Kindergarten

All districts must administer the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) *during the first 45 days* of the school year.

The KRA is published by The Center for Technology in Education at Johns Hopkins University. District data files can be downloaded from the KRA System at the conclusion of testing in the district.

Precode Collection: September 3, 2021

Gifted and Talented Assessments

Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) and Iowa Assessments (IA) – Grade 2

Precode Collection Date	August 24, 2022
Testing Window	October 11–November 5, 2021
Make-up Testing Window	January 4–January 14, 2022
Pretest Webinars	September 14, 2021 (Paper Administration) September 15, 2021 (Online Administration)
Data Manager Training Webinars	2 Trainings the week of 9/20/21 (one AM, one PM) 2 Trainings the week of 9/27/21 (one AM, one PM)
Posttest Webinar	November 9, 2021
Data Files and Score Reports (paper)	February 4, 2022

Performance Task Assessments (PTA) – Grades 2-5

Testing Window	February 22–March 18, 2022 Includes any make-up testing
DTC/STC training (new)	January 19, 2022
DTC/STC training (experienced) e-mail and webinar	January 26, 2022
Data Files to Districts ISR (paper)	May 10, 2022 no later than May 27, 2022

ACCESS for ELLs® and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs® English Language Proficiency Assessments, Grades K–12

Test Window	January 24–March 11, 2022
Training session	December 7, 2021
Precode collection	December 9, 2021

End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP)

Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 2 and United States History and the Constitution

Each District Test Coordinator (DTC) is responsible for identifying the district-level testing window and for notifying the School Test Coordinator (STC) of the testing schedule. DTCs and STCs are responsible for ensuring that the testing schedule (test dates for each subject) is posted on the school's website at least one month prior to the opening of the state-approved testing window.

The district must administer all operational EOCEP tests—Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 2, and United States History and the Constitution (USHC). The English 1 EOCEP has been discontinued.

For Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 2-Reading, and USHC, the district testing window **must not begin earlier than the last 15 instructional days of the semester or school year**. EOCEP testing should begin early in the district testing window to allow plenty of time for make-up testing and to reschedule testing in the event of a technology service interruption. Both regular testing and make-up testing must be scheduled within the district window. Make-up testing cannot be scheduled outside the district testing window. The first day of testing does not have to be a Monday.

For the English 2 Writing section, the district testing window **must not begin earlier than the last 20 instructional days of the semester or school year**. English Reading and Writing sections must not be administered on the same day.

For all tests, the district testing window may be scheduled to extend beyond the end of the semester or school year.

State Test Windows

Fall/Winter 2021-22 November 29, 2021—January 28, 2022

Spring 2022 April 27, 2022—June 10, 2022

Summer 2022 June 27, 2022—August 3, 2022

Technology Coordinator Training September 21, 2021

EOCEP Pretest Workshop (fall) October 19, 2021

EOCEP Pretest Workshop (spring) March 3, 2022

Fall/Winter Precode Deadline October 29

Fall/Winter data files and reports posted February 23, 2022

SC READY and SCPASS
English Language Arts and Mathematics, Grades 3–8
Science, Grades 4 and 6

Test Window:

Online testing: The last 20 school days as determined by the district’s instructional calendar.

Paper testing: The first 10 days of each district’s twenty-day testing window as determined by the district’s instructional calendar.

Paper testing is available for students with disabilities if specified in their IEP or 504 Plan and for multilingual learners if specified in their ILAP.

Technology Coordinator Training	September 21, 2021
Precode Data Collection (print file)	January 13, 2022
Precode Data Collection (update file)	February 23, 2022
Pretest Workshop	March 3, 2022

SCPASS Data Files, ISRs, Rosters, and Summaries posted to INSIGHT Portal	July 8, 2022
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SC READY Data Files, ISRs, Rosters, and Summaries posted to INSIGHT Portal	July 12, 2022
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Printed ISRs, Student Labels, and User Guides Delivered to districts	August 1, 2022
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The Education Accountability Act requires SC READY and SCPASS to be administered online. However, district or individual public charter schools may request a waiver to test with paper. Waivers to request paper testing or a testing window extension must be submitted by December 1, 2021.

All paper testing must meet the scoring deadlines of the contractor. The contractor will specify a deadline for returning all scorable materials and a deadline to return Grade 3 ELA answer documents for accelerated reporting.

Stand-Alone TDA Field Test (Online) Prior To 20 Day Window. Can Begin as Early as 4/7/2022

Note: Districts with paper waivers must participate in the Online Stand-Alone Field Test.

South Carolina-Alternate Assessment (SC-Alt) Online
SC Alternate Assessment for SC READY (Grades 3-8)
SC Alternate Assessment for SCPASS (Science: Grades 4 and 6)
SC Alternate Assessment for EOCEP
(English 2, Algebra 1, US History and the Constitution, & Biology)

Test Window	March 7–April 22, 2022
Precode Data Collection	December 1, 2021

Grade 10 Assessments

Districts must offer one or more of the following tests: PSAT, Pre-ACT, or Aspire. Districts may choose any dates from the options provided by the publishers.

PSAT/NMSQT

Primary Test Day	October 13, 2021
Saturday Test Day	October 16, 2021
Alternate Test Day	October 26, 2021

Note: Schools that want to keep test books and review questions, answers, and answer explanations after test day should choose the October 13 or October 26 PSAT/NMSQT test date.

Many of the test administration policies we offered for greater flexibility in 2020-21 due to the pandemic are being extended this fall to make it easier to adhere to local health guidelines.

- **Multiple Administration Dates:** Schools may select multiple administration dates for the PSAT/NMSQT.
- **Flexible Start Times:** Schools can stagger arrivals and dismissals to be certain they have ample space and staffing.
- **Off-Site Testing:** Schools can choose multiple locations to spread out students, allowing for more distance between test takers.

PSAT 10

Please contact the College Board for these dates. You can find more information on both the PSAT/NMSQT and the PSAT 10 at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>.

PreACT

Schools choose when to test during the annual test window: September 1, 2021 - June 1, 2022

You can find more information concerning the PreACT at <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/preact.html>.

Aspire for Grade 10

Please contact ACT for these dates. You can find more information concerning Aspire for Grade 10 at <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/act-aspire/about-act-aspire.html>.

Ready to Work (R2W) and The Soft Skills Essential Test (SSE)

Districts must administer the career readiness assessments to all 11th grade students based on their 9GR date and 12th grade students who are new (have not been tested) and those seniors who wish to retake one or more parts of the Career Readiness Assessment.

Beginning this school year (2021-22), seniors may retake the career readiness assessment two times; seniors may take the assessment once during the fall administration and once during the spring administration. Administrations *for seniors are taken online only*, unless the student has an IEP/504 or ILAP Plan requiring a paper administration.

For all students, only one test attempt is allowed in the fall and one attempt is allowed in the spring. Students **may not retake** any part of the Career Readiness Assessment **during the same test window**. If a student has more than one test attempt or test score for fall or spring, the Office of Assessment will delete any unauthorized attempt/score.

Test Window

Fall: 12th grade 9GR-19 (online only) October 2—November 5, 2021

Fall Training Sessions

Pre-Test Webinars September 21 1:00 pm—3:00 pm
September 23 9:00 am—11:00 am

Post-Test Webinars

December 1 1:00 pm—2:00 pm
December 2 9:00 am—10:00 am

Post-Test Webinars

May 3 9:00am—10:00am
May 5 1:00pm—2:00pm

Print Copies of Credentials/ISRs & District Data Files

December 17—December 21, 2021

Precode: Spring Career Ready Assessment

December 30, 2021

College Entrance Assessments

Districts must offer all eleventh grade students the opportunity to take the ACT or the SAT college entrance assessment. Eleventh grade students are students in the third year of high school after their initial enrollment in the ninth grade.

Districts may choose any of the following test date options provided by the test publishers.

ACT Test Dates

Districts may select options from the testing windows below for an initial testing date, make-up date, and emergency date. Districts do not have to choose a make-up date and/or emergency date. Fall and spring administrations are completely separate; ACT will provide separate score reports, data files, and key dates.

ACT Fall 2021 Paper Test Dates

Paper Test Dates	Online Test Dates	Accommodation Test Dates for Paper	Accommodation Test Dates for Online
October 5	N/A	October 5-8 & 11-15	N/A
October 19	N/A	October 19-22, 25	N/A

ACT Spring 2022 Paper and Online Test Dates

Paper Test Dates	Online Test Dates	Accommodation Test Dates for Paper	Accommodation Test Dates for Online
March 8	March 8-10, March 15-17	March 8-11, March 14-18	March 8-10, March 15-17
March 22	March 22-24, March 29-31	March 22-25, March 28-31, April 1	March 22-24, March 29-31
April 12	April 12-14 and April 19-21	April 12-15 and April 18-22	April 12-14 and April 19-21

SAT Test Dates

Fall 2021 SAT Administrations

The College Board has scheduled the following school day (SATSD) test dates for fall 2021.

Test Dates	Make-Up Dates	Notes
October 13	October 28	Coincides with primary PSAT/NMSQT date.
October 28	No makeup	

Many of the test administration policies offered for greater flexibility in 2020-21 due to the pandemic are being extended this fall to make it easier to adhere to local health guidelines to support schools in administering SAT School Day. Schools should order test materials for each administration carefully, as unused test fees will apply.

- **Multiple Administration Dates:** Schools may select multiple administration dates for the SAT School Day to reduce the number of students per test date.
- **Flexible Start Times:** Schools can stagger arrivals and dismissals to be certain they have ample space and staffing.
- **Off-Site Testing:** Schools can choose multiple locations to spread out students, allowing for more distance between test takers.

Spring 2022 SAT Administrations

The College Board has scheduled the following school day (SATSD) test dates for Spring 2022.

Administration Dates	Make-up Dates
March 2, 2022	March 23, April 13, or April 26
March 23, 2022	April 13 or April 26
April 13, 2022	April 26
April 26, 2022	No make-up date for the April 26 Administration

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

The College Board has scheduled the AP Exams during the following test windows.

Regular Testing	May 2–13, 2022
Late Testing	May 17–20, 2022

For more detail about the dates of the subject area exams, see the links below.

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/exam-dates/2022-exam-dates>

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/exam-dates/late-testing-dates>

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Grade 4: Math and Reading

Grade 8: Math and Reading

District notification of sampled schools is scheduled for August 2021

Test Window: January 24th 2022 – March 4th 2022

Precode Collection: October 4, 2021

South Carolina Junior Scholars Program

Districts may offer the PSAT/NMQST to current 8th grade students to qualify for the Junior Scholars Program.

Test Dates:

Primary test day: October 13, 2021

Saturday test day: October 16, 2021

Alternate test day: October 26, 2021

Students must be tested at pre-approved middle school sites. The South Carolina Department of Education is not involved in the PSAT assessment for the Junior Scholars Program.

Contact College Board directly with any questions related to the test's administration. Please visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/k12-educators/psat-nmsqt-dates> or call 888-477-7728 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (September to early June), for more information.