

# 2023–24 Assessment Schedule

## Office of Assessment and Standards

Precode dates indicate **the day** on which student enrollment data will be pulled from 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 student data or apply labels.

DTCs and STCs are responsible for ensuring that the test dates for each assessment program, and each subject within each program, **are posted on the school's website** at least one month prior to the opening of the state-approved testing window.

### Prekindergarten Assessments

#### 4–Year–Old Prekindergarten

One of the following tests must be administered:

**myIGDIs™**  
**GOLD®**

published by Renaissance Learning  
published by Teaching Strategies®

**Test Window:**

the first 45 days and the last 45 days of each school district's instructional calendar

<b>First Precode File</b>	<b>July 31, 2023</b>
<b>Second Precode File</b>	<b>August 18, 2023</b>
<b>Third Precode File</b>	<b>September 5, 2023</b>

### Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)

#### 5–Year–Old Kindergarten

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.

**Test Window**

the first 45 days of each school district's instructional calendar

<b>First Precode File</b>	<b>July 31, 2023</b>
<b>Second Precode File</b>	<b>August 18, 2023</b>
<b>Third Precode File</b>	<b>September 5, 2023</b>

## **Gifted and Talented Assessments Grade 2**

### **Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) and Iowa Assessments (IA)**

**Each school district must administer both tests (CogAT and Iowa) to students in the second grade.**

<b>Test Window</b>	October 9–27, 2023
<b>Make-up Testing Window</b>	January 4–January 12, 2024
<b>Pretest Webinars</b>	September 13, 2023 9:00–10:30 (paper) September 14, 2023 9:00–10:30 (online)
<b>Data Manager Training Webinars</b> (tentative) <b>Three live trainings.</b>	September 25, 2023 9:00–10:30 September 27, 2023 2:00–3:30 September 28, 2023 2:00–3:30
<b>Posttest Webinar</b> on-demand (recorded) training.	November 8, 2023 9:00–10:00
<b>Data Files and Score Reports (paper)</b>	December 4, 2023 February 5, 2024 for Make-ups
<b>Precode Barcoding File</b>	August 17, 2023
<b>Precode Online Roster File</b>	September 8, 2023

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## **Performance Task Assessments (PTA) – Grades 2–5**

<b>Student Data from Fall Due</b>	January 8, 2024
<b>Test Window</b>	February 20, 2024–March 15, 2024

<b>DTC/STC Training (new)</b>	January 23, 2024
<b>DTC/STC Training (experienced)</b>	January 24, 2024 (e-mail and webinar)
<b>Data Files to Districts</b>	May 17, 2024
<b>ISRs Shipped to Districts (paper)</b>	May 31, 2024

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

**The following test dates are included for planning purposes. WIDA will not approve tests dates until June or July of 2023.**

<b>Test Window</b>	January 22, 2024–March 15, 2024
<b>Training Session</b>	November 2, 2023

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## End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP)

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

During Spring 2024, an English 2 standalone field test, consisting of one writing essay question, will be administered online only. To assist districts in scheduling the English 2 standalone field test, the state testing window will open one-week early and districts may add up to ten days onto the beginning of their district testing windows. **The extra days may only be used for the standalone English 2 writing field test. They may not be used for any other EOCEP tests.**

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 is posted on the school's website at least one month prior to the opening of the state testing window. **All scheduled testing, including make-up tests, must be administered within the district's testing-window.**

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 must be scheduled to begin early in the district testing window and must include dates for make-up testing that are within the district window.

For the operational 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

<b>Fall/Winter 2023–2024</b>	November 27, 2023–January 26, 2024
<b>Spring 2024</b>	
For English 2 Field Test only	April 18, 2024–April 25, 2024
All EOCEP tests	April 25, 2024–June 12, 2024
<b>Summer 2024</b>	June 26, 2024–August 2, 2024
<b>Technology Coordinator Training</b>	September 13, 2023
<b>EOCEP Pretest Workshop</b>	October 18, 2023
<b>EOCEP/SCREADY Pretest Workshop</b>	March 6, 2024

## SC READY

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

### Test Windows

<b>Standalone Writing Field Testing</b>	The 10 school days before each district's twenty-day testing window as determined by the district's instructional calendar.
<b>Online testing</b>	The last 20 school days as determined by the district's instructional calendar.
<b>Paper testing</b>	The first 10 school days of each district's twenty-day testing window as determined by the district's instructional calendar.
<b>Technology Webinar</b>	September 13, 2023
<b>Pretest Workshop for DTCs</b>	March 6, 2024
<b>Pretest Workshop for STCs</b>	March 14, 2024 March 21, 2024
<b>Precode Print File</b>	January 19, 2024
<b>Precode Update File</b>	February 26, 2024

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### 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)

<b>Test Window</b>	March 11, 2024–April 26, 2024
<b>TIDE Go–Live</b>	November 30, 2023
<b>DTC Alt Training</b>	December 6, 2023
<b>Spring LCI Go–Live</b>	February 12, 2024–April 26,
<b>Precode</b>	November 10, 2023

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## Grade 10 Assessments

Districts must offer one or more of the following tests: PSAT or PreACT. Districts may choose any dates from the options provided by the publishers.

### The College Board

#### PSAT

Students will take the **digital** PSAT starting in fall 2023. Districts and schools may use as many days during the primary test window to administer the PSAT as needed to support all students who are testing.

#### PSAT/NMSQT

<b>Primary Test Window</b>	October 2, 2023–October 31, 2023
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Note. *All testing, including make up testing, must take place during this testing window.*

<b>Saturday Test Day</b>	October 14, 2023
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#### PSAT 10

<b>Test Window</b>	March 4, 2023–April 26, 2024
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More information is available on the PSAT at <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/>.

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### ACT, Inc.

#### PreACT (paper and pencil only)

<b>Test Window</b>	September 1, 2023–June 1, 2024
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#### PreACT Secure (online test)

<b>Test Window</b>	March 18–April 26, 2024
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More information concerning the PreACT is available at <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/preact.html>

## Career Readiness Assessment

Districts must administer the career readiness assessments to all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who have not been tested. In addition, the districts must administer the career readiness assessments to those seniors who wish to retake one or more parts of the Career Readiness Assessment to improve their scores and/or credentials. However, seniors may retake the assessment only two times in the 12 grade—once during the fall administration and once during the spring administration. 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 and Standards will delete any unauthorized attempt/score.

### Fall Test Window

12<sup>th</sup> grade students

October 30, 2023–November 10, 2023

### Spring Test Window

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students

March 25, 2024–April 19, 2024

### Training Webinars Fall 2023

Pretest Webinar—DTC Only	September 13, 2023
Pretest Webinar—DTC Only	September 18, 2023
STC and TA Webinar (Online & Paper)	September 21, 2023
STC and TA Webinar (Online)	September 27, 2023
STC and TA Webinar (Paper)	September 28, 2023
STC and TA Webinar (Online)	October 2, 2023
STC and TA Webinar (Paper)	October 5, 2023

DTC Posttest Webinar—DTC Only

December 7, 2023

### Training Webinars Spring 2024

Pretest Webinar—DTC Only Overview	February 7, 2024
Pretest Webinar—DTC Only Overview	February 12, 2024
STC and TA Webinar (Online & Paper)	February 15, 2024
STC and TA Webinar (Online)	February 21, 2024
STC and TA Webinar (Paper)	February 22, 2024
STC and TA Webinar (Online)	February 26, 2024
STC and TA Webinar (Paper)	February 29, 2024

DTC Posttest Webinar—DTC Only

May 2, 2024

**Credentials/ISRs Shipped to Schools**

June 13, 2024

**District Data Files Delivered via ShareFile**

June 15, 2024

**Fall Precode File**

August 18, 2023

**Spring Precode File**

December 8, 2023

## 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.

### The ACT

Districts **may select** an initial testing date, a make-up date, and an emergency date from the options given below. Districts do not have to choose a make-up date and/or emergency date. ACT is offering a fall online administration this year. Fall and spring administrations are completely separate; ACT will provide separate score reports, data files, and key dates.

#### ACT Fall 2023 Paper and Online Test Dates

Paper Test Dates	Online Test Dates	Accommodation Test Dates for Paper	Accommodation Test Dates for Online
October 3, 2023	October 3–5, 2023 October 10–12, 2023	October 3–6, 2023 October 9–13, 2023	October 3–5, 2023 October 10–12, 2023
October 17, 2023	October 17–19, 2023 October 24–26, 2023	October 17–20, 2023 October 23–27, 2023	October 17–19, 2023 October 24–26, 2023
October 31, 2023	October 31–Nov.2, 2023 November 7–9, 2023	October 31–Nov. 3, 2023 November 6–10, 2023	October 31–Nov. 2, 2023 November 7–9, 2023

#### ACT Spring 2024 Paper and Online Test Dates

Paper Test Dates	Online Test Dates	Accommodation Test Dates for Paper	Accommodation Test Dates for Online
February 27, 2024	February 27–29, 2024 March 1; March 4–8, 2024	February 27–29, 2024 March 1 and March 4–8, 2024	February 27–29, 2024 March 1 and March 4–8, 2024
March 12, 2024	March 12–15, 2024 March 18–22, 2024	March 12–15, 2024 March 18–22, 2024	March 12–15, 2024 March 18–22, 2024
March 26, 2024	March 26–29, 2024 April 1–5, 2024	March 26–29, 2024 April 1–5, 2024	March 26–29, 2024 April 1–5, 2024



## The SAT

### Fall 2023 SAT Test Dates

For fall 2023, SAT School Day will continue to be paper-based, and administration policies and guidelines will remain the same.

### Fall 2023 SAT Test Administration Dates

Test Dates	Make-Up Dates
October 11, 2023	October 26, 2023
October 26, 2023	No makeup

### Spring 2024 SAT Test Dates

The College Board will make the transition to online SAT testing in spring 2024. Students will take the SAT in the spring of their junior year (3<sup>rd</sup> year of high school), so students in the high school class of 2025 will be the first class to take the digital test.

**Test Window**                      March 4, 2024 – April 26, 2024

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## Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

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

**Regular Testing**                      May 6–10, 2024 and May 13–17, 2024  
May 8, 2024–May 12, 2024

**Late Testing**                      May 22–May 24, 2024

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/2023-exam-dates>

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/exam-dates/2023-exam-dates/2023-late-testing-dates>

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## National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

**Operational NAEP**

January 29, 2024–March 8, 2024

Subjects:

- science in grade 8 (national-level results)
- math and reading in grades 4 and 8 (national- and state-level results)
- math and reading in grade 12 (national-level results)

**NAEP Pilot Assessment**

January 29, 2024–March 8, 2024

Subjects:

- math and reading grades 4 and 8
  - Pilot testing new frameworks; no scores will be released.
  - Pilot assessment will occur during the same assessment window as the operational assessment. State and federal law mandate that sampled schools will participate.

**Program for International Assessments (PISA) 2025 Field Test**

Spring 2024

SCDE will learn in late summer or early fall if South Carolina is one of the 10-15 states selected to participate. This assessment tests 15-year-old students.

**School-Based Equipment Proof-of-Concept (SBE POC) Study** March 25, 2024-April 12, 2024

Subjects:

- math and reading grades 4 and 8
  - NCES has not finalized the details for this study; dates and details may change.

**Precode for Operational and Pilot Assessments**

September 20, 2023

## NAEP Research Studies

National Indian Education Study: January 29, 2024-March 8, 2024

- Conducted through supplemental questionnaires provided during the administration of the NAEP 2024 operational assessment at grades 4 & 8 in mathematics & reading (only in schools with sampled AI/AN students).

High School Transcript Study: January 29, 2024-March 8, 2024

- NAEP will collect transcripts from 15 students selected for the grade 12 math operational assessment.

Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS) 2024 Main Study: March-April, 2024

- In selected schools, the principal and a random sample of up to 35 eligible teachers per school (teachers of students in grades 7, 8, and 9) will respond to a survey about their backgrounds, work environments, professional development, beliefs and attitudes about teaching, and pedagogical knowledge.

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## South Carolina Junior Scholars Program

**Districts may offer the PSAT/NMQST to current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students** to qualify for the Junior Scholars Program on the following test dates.

**Primary Test Window**  
**Saturday Test Day**

October 2, 2023–October 31, 2023  
October 14, 2023 (customer service supported)

All testing, including make up testing, must take place during this testing window.

Students must be tested at pre-approved middle school sites. The South Carolina Department of Education is not involved in the PSAT/NMQST 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.