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EOCEP State and District Testing Windows for 2023-24

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-approved 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.

Summer 2023

- State Testing Window: June 26, 2023-August 2, 2023
- District Data Files and electronic reports posted: August 28, 2023
- Individual Student Reports and Student Labels delivered to districts: September 12, 2023

Fall/Winter 2023-24

- State Testing Window: November 27, 2023-January 26, 2024
- District Data Files and electronic reports posted: February 13, 2024
- Individual Student Reports and student labels delivered to districts: February 28, 2024

Spring 2024

- Extension of State Testing Window for English 2 Field Test: April 18, 2024-April 25, 2024
- State Testing Window for all EOCEP tests: April 26, 2024-June 12, 2024
- District Data Files and electronic reports posted: TBD
- Individual Student Reports and student labels delivered to districts: TBD

Summer 2024

- State Testing Window: June 26, 2024-August 2, 2024
- District Data Files and electronic reports posted: TBD
- Individual Student Reports and Student Labels delivered to districts: TBD

Overview of EOCEP

The End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP) is a statewide assessment program of end-of-course tests for gateway courses awarded units of credit in English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The EOCEP encourages instruction in the specific standards for the courses, encourages student achievement, and documents the level of students' mastery of the academic standards. Gateway courses in English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies will be defined by the State Board of Education. EOCEP examination scores count 20 percent in the calculation of the student's final

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grade in gateway courses. Defined gateway courses currently include **Algebra 1**, **Intermediate Algebra**, **Biology 1**, **English 2**, and **United States History and the Constitution**, or courses with other names and activity codes in which the academic standards corresponding to these subjects are taught.

To meet federal accountability requirements, the EOCEP in English/language arts, mathematics, and science must be administered to all public school students, including those students as required by the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) and by Title 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

To receive a South Carolina high school diploma, students are required to pass a high school credit course in science, and a high school credit course in United States history in which the state's end of course examinations are administered. Currently these courses are Biology 1 (science) and United States History and the Constitution (social studies).

Items Aligned to Standards – EOCEP test items are aligned to the South Carolina Academic Standards for each content area. Standards describe what schools are expected to teach and what students are expected to learn. EOCEP test items are written to assess the content knowledge and skills described in the academic standards. The academic standards, supporting documents, and other resources are available at the links shown below for each of the EOCEP subjects.

Students who are scheduled to take EOCEP tests shall be provided with paper or electronic copies of the academic standards assessed by those particular tests, no later than the first day of school.

The Department of Education provides paper copies of Individual Student Reports to districts. These reports are shipped from the testing contractors directly to the districts. Districts are responsible for ensuring that these reports are distributed to parents and schools as soon as possible following receipt.

All EOCEP assessments are administered in English. Foreign language translations of test items and response options are not allowed; however, translations of the test directions are permitted.

Test Administration Manuals

- <u>EOCEP Fall-Winter 2022 2023 Test Administration Manual for Online and Paper Testing</u> (2.69 Mb PDF)
- EOCEP Spring 2023 Test Administration Manual for Online and Paper Testing (2.6 Mb PDF)

Algebra 1

- EOCEP Requirements for Calculator Use in 2023–24
- 2015-16 Printable SC College and Career Ready Algebra 1 Standards (106 Kb PDF)
- SCCCR Mathematics Standards (1.4 Mb PDF)
- Algebra 1 Test Blueprint for 2023-24 (197 Kb PDF)
- Online Tools Training: https://wbte.drcedirect.com/SC/portals/sc (Open using Google Chrome)

Algebra 1 Test Results Data Review

No data review report was produced for the 2019-20 school year due to the cancellation of testing for spring 2020.

- Algebra 1 2022 Test Results Data Review (170 Kb PDF)
- Algebra 1 2021 Test Results Data Review (169 Kb PDF)
- Algebra 1 2019 Test Results Data Review (235 Kb PDF)
- Algebra 1 2018 Test Results Data Review (33 Kb PDF)
- Algebra 1 2017 Test Results Data Review (214 Kb PDF)

Biology 1

2022 - 2023 School Year

The Fall/Winter 2022–23 and Spring 2023 administrations of the EOCEP Biology 1 will assess the *South Carolina Academic Standards and Performance Indicators for Science 2014* and the *2005 Biology Standard B-5*.

2023 – 2024 School Year (Full 2021 Implementation)

The Fall/Winter 2023, Spring 2024, and Summer 2024 will assess the *South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Science Standards 2021*.

Science Assessment Timeline Fall 2022 – Summer 2024

- Middle
- > <u>High</u>
 - > The South Carolina Career Ready Test
 - > End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP)
 - > College Entrance Exams
- Ouick Links for Teachers
- > Test Security

Administration	Test Program	Standards Assessed on Operational Test	Field-Test (Yes/No)
Fall/Winter 2022	EOCEP	2014	No
Spring 2023	EOCEP/ SCPASS	2014	EOCEP- Yes, for overlapping content SCPASS- No
Summer 2023	EOCEP	2014	No
Fall/Winter 2023	EOCEP	2021	No
Spring 2024	EOCEP/SCPASS	2021	EOCEP- Yes SCPASS- Yes
Summer 2024	EOCEP	2021	No

- EOCEP Requirements for Calculator Use in 2022–23 (89 Kb PDF)
- Printable Biology 1 Standards (189 Kb PDF)
- Biology 1 Teacher's Guide and Sample Items (647 Kb PDF)
- Biology 1 Test Blueprint for 2023-24 (215 Kb PDF)
- <u>Biology Support Document</u> (2.5 Mb PDF)
- Online Tools Training: https://wbte.drcedirect.com/SC/portals/sc (Open using Google Chrome)

Biology 1 Test Results Data Review

No data review report was produced for the 2019-20 school year due to the cancellation of testing for spring 2020.

- Biology 1 2022 Test Results Data Review (43 Kb PDF)
- Biology 1 2021 Test Results Data Review (41 Kb PDF)
- Biology 1 2019 Test Results Data Review (169 Kb PDF)
- Biology 1 2018 Test Results Data Review (22 Kb PDF)
- Biology 1 2017 Test Results Data Review (22 Kb PDF)

English 2

- 2015 SC College- and Career-Ready English 2 Standards (220 Kb PDF)
- English 2 Test Blueprint for 2023-24 (194 Kb PDF)
- English 2 Assessment Boundaries (93 Kb PDF)
- English 2 Sample Items (402 Kb PDF)
- TDA Writer's Checklist (149 Kb PDF)
- SC EOCEP TDA Scoring Guidelines (96 Kb PDF)

To meet federal regulations, English 2 EOCEP requires a student writing component in addition to multiple-choice writing items. The **TDA** (text dependent analysis) is composed of a reading passage and writing prompt relating to that specific text. The prompt requires that students analyze the text and write an essay to provide supporting evidence from the passage. The responses will be scored using the South Carolina EOCEP **TDA** Scoring Guidelines.

• English 2 TDA Scoring Sample (NEW FOR 2022) [312 Kb PDF]

Online Tools Training: https://wbte.drcedirect.com/SC/portals/sc (Open using Google Chrome)

English 2 Test Results Data Review

No data review report was produced for the 2019-20 school year due to the cancellation of testing for spring 2020.

- English 2 2022 Test Results Data Review (179 Kb PDF)
- English 2 2021 Test Results Data Review (148 Kb PDF)
- 2019 ELA Test Data Review for Text Dependent Analysis (270 Kb PDF)

U.S. History and the Constitution

Beginning with the 2021-22 school year and continuing in the school years that follow, the U.S. History and Constitution EOCEP will assess the <u>2019 South Carolina Social Studies College-and-Career Ready Standards</u>.

- U.S. History and the Constitution Test Blueprint for 2023-24 (198 Kb PDF)
- <u>U.S. History and the Constitution Performance Level Descriptors (PLD) User Guide</u> (253 Kb PDF)

Online Tools Training: https://wbte.drcedirect.com/SC/portals/sc (Open using Google Chrome)

U.S. History and the Constitution Test Results Data Review

No data review report was produced for the 2019-20 school year due to the cancellation of testing for spring 2020.

- <u>U.S. History and the Constitution 2022 Test Results Data Review</u> (225 Kb PDF)
- <u>U.S. History and the Constitution 2021 Test Results Data Review</u> (49 Kb PDF)
- <u>U.S. History and the Constitution 2019 Test Results Data Review</u> (204 Kb PDF)
- U.S. History and the Constitution 2018 Test Results Data Review (20 Kb PDF)
- <u>U.S. History and the Constitution 2017 Test Results Data Review</u> (198 Kb PDF)

EOCEP Information for Students and Parents

Accessibility Information

The South Carolina Department of Education is committed to making its electronic documents accessible for parents/guardians and other individuals with disabilities, and for parents/guardians whose native language is not English. All documents posted on this Website are compliant with the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. § 794 (d)), as amended.

Assessment Resource Documents for Students and Parents

Assessment resource documents for parents or guardians are available in alternate formats, such as large print, Braille, languages other than English, and oral translation. Alternate resource document formats can be requested from the SCDE or from your child's school.

Translations

For the 2022–23 administration of EOCEP, SCDE has translated the Assessment Brochures for Students and Parents and the Sample Individual Student Report Template into the following languages: Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Russian, Arabic, Brazilian Portuguese, Gujarati, Hindi, Tagalog, Telugu, and Vietnamese.

EOCEP Writer's Checklist Translations

- EOCEP Writer's Checklist-English Translation (149 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP Writer's Checklist-Arabic Translation (173 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP Writer's Checklist-Simplified Chinese Translation (144 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP Writer's Checklist-Gujarati Translation (123 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP Writer's Checklist-Hindi Translation (123 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP Writer's Checklist-Portuguese Brazilian Translation (139 Kb PDF)
- <u>EOCEP Writer's Checklist-Russian Translation</u> (119 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP Writer's Checklist-Spanish Translation (138 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP Writer's Checklist-Tagalog Translation (138 Kb PDF)
- <u>EOCEP Writer's Checklist-Telugu Translation</u> (136 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP Writer's Checklist-Vietnamese Translation (141 Kb PDF)

EOCEP Student and Parent Assessment Brochures for 2023-2024

- EOCEP 2023-2024 Parent and Student Assessment Brochure-English
- EOCEP 2023-2024 Parent and Student Assessment Brochure-Large Print
- EOCEP 2023-2024 Parent and Student Assessment Brochure-Spanish Translation
- EOCEP 2023-2024 Parent and Student Assessment Brochure-Simplified Chinese Translation
- EOCEP 2023-2024 Parent and Student Assessment Brochure-Russian Translation
- EOCEP 2023-2024 Parent and Student Assessment Brochure-Arabic Translation
- EOCEP 2023-2024 Parent and Student Assessment Brochure-Brazilian Portuguese Translation
- EOCEP 2023-2024 Parent and Student Assessment Brochure-Gujarati Translation
- EOCEP 2023-2024 Parent and Student Assessment Brochure-Hindi Translation
- EOCEP 2023-2024 Parent and Student Assessment Brochure-Tagalog Translation
- EOCEP 2023-2024 Parent and Student Assessment Brochure-Telugu Translation

• EOCEP 2023-2024 Parent and Student Assessment Brochure-Vietnamese Translation

Sample Individual Student Report Templates

- EOCEP 2022-2023 Sample Individual Student Report-English (69 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP 2022-2023 Sample Individual Student Report-Spanish Translation (72 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP 2022-2023 Sample Individual Student Report-Chinese Translation (130 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP 2022-2023 Sample Individual Student Report-Russian Translation (91 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP 2022-2023 Sample Individual Student Report-Arabic Translation (86 Kb PDF)
- <u>EOCEP 2022-2023 Sample Individual Student Report-Brazilian Portuguese Translation</u> (73 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP 2022-2023 Sample Individual Student Report-Gujarati Translation (85 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP 2022-2023 Sample Individual Student Report-Hindi Translation (83 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP 2022-2023 Sample Individual Student Report-Tagalog Translation (68 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP 2022-2023 Sample Individual Student Report-Telugu Translation (86 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP 2022-2023 Sample Individual Student Report-Vietnamese Translation (88 Kb PDF)

Score Report User's Guide

Note: the Score Report User's Guide for 2022-2023 will be added once this document becomes available.

- EOCEP Score Report User's Guide for 2021-2022 (1.45 Mb PDF)
- EOCEP Score Report User's Guide for 2021-2022, Large Print (1.56 Mb PDF)

Resource Documents Alternate Format Request

If you would like to request a copy of an assessment brochure or a Sample Individual Student Report in an alternative format, please complete the <u>Student and Parent Resources Alternate Request Form</u>. If you have any questions about resource document alternate format requests, please contact <u>ResourceRequests@ed.sc.gov</u>.

Lexile® and Quantile® Measures in South Carolina

The Lexile Framework for Reading, commonly referred to as the Lexile Framework, has been linked with the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Assessments (SC READY) in English Language Arts for grades 3-8. More information about the Lexile Framework can be found at Lexile.com.

Similarly, the Quantile Framework for Mathematics has been linked with the SC READY for grades 3-8 and Algebra 1 on the End-of-Course Examination Program. For more information about the Quantile Framework, use this link: An Introduction to the Quantile Framework for Mathematics.

Students in South Carolina receive Lexile and Quantile measures on their Individual Student Reports and from a variety of different tests and programs used by local schools. Schools and districts receive Lexile and Quantile measures on the assessment data files. With Lexile and Quantile measures, educators and parents can support student learning.

Additional Resources and Information

- Student Performance Level Descriptors for the End-of-Course Examination Program [90 Kb PDF]
- EOCEP Alternative Testing Window Application Form
- SC Uniform Grading Policy, February 2018 (603 Kb PDF)
- EOCEP Test Scores
- Residential Treatment Facilities (114 Kb PDF)











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