



April 8, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The South Carolina College-and Career-Ready Assessments (SC READY) are statewide assessments in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics, while the SCPASS is a statewide science assessment. SC READY is administered to students in grades 3-8. SCPASS is administered to students in grades 4 and 6. This year, students will also participate in ELA field testing, which will involve embedded items on the ELA test as well as a stand-alone text dependent analysis (TDA) item. Field testing items do not count in a student's score.

Students are required to test on-site at their brick-and-mortar schools of enrollment. Remote testing is not available. Students enrolled in the GCS Virtual Program (GCSVP) will participate in testing on the following dates. Please refrain from scheduling doctors' appointments or other out of school activities during the following testing dates:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Test Date</b>
ELA Stand Alone TDA Field Test (Grades 3-5)	Thursday, April 21st
ELA Session 1 - Writing (Grades 3 only)	Wednesday, May 11th
ELA Session 2 - Reading (Grade 3 only)	Thursday, May 12th
ELA Session 1 - Writing (Grades 4-5)	Tuesday, May 17th
ELA Session 2 - Reading (Grades 4-5)	Wednesday, May 18th
Mathematics (Grades 3-5)	Tuesday, May 24th
Science (Grades 4 only)	Wednesday, May 25th

The tests will be administered online, so GCSVP students should bring their charged, district-issued device on each test day. Please have your student turn on their device and log in at home at least one day prior to testing to ensure the Chromebook operates as expected and all updates are current. On test dates, students may not be in possession of any electronic devices, other than the school-issued device, (e.g., smart watch, cell phone) that can be used for communicating, recording, timing, creating or storing images.

Students will need to bring the following: charged, school-issued chromebook, books to read for after testing has been completed, a water bottle, snack, and optional lunch from home. On testing dates, please arrive in our front carline between 7:45am - 8:00 am. Please do not arrive earlier than 7:45 am as we will be receiving our in person students. Upon arrival, students will be offered a grab and go breakfast bag should you need for your child to eat breakfast at school. For students that do not bring lunch from home, school lunch will be provided. Students will be dismissed at the regular dismissal time of 2:15 daily. Please enter through the carline with your car tag displayed in your windshield. All virtual 3-5 parents will need to pick up a car tag from the front office April 19th or April 20th during school office hours.

If your child has a specific health need (e.g., seizures, asthma, diabetes, food allergies) or will require medication administration on test days, please contact our school nurse, Allison Lee, at 355-7607 by Thursday,

April 17th. In order to provide your student with required medication/medical procedures, we must have a current authorization form from your child's health care provider dated this school year. All necessary forms can be accessed by contacting the school nurse or on the health services webpage at:  
<https://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/Departments/main.asp?titleid=pershealth>.

Students can access the Online Testing Video Tutorials and the Online Tools Training (OTT) modules to become familiar with the online testing system. Although the OTT looks like a real test, there is no score, there is no time limit, and students may use it as many times as they want. The video tutorials and OTT are accessible on the DRC INSIGHT Homepage at <https://wbte.drccdirect.com/SC/portals/sc/> (use the Google Chrome browser on a Chromebook or Windows device) - click on the *DRC INSIGHT Online Assessment Tutorial* and the *SC READY/SCPASS Online Tools Training* icons on the lower part of the screen.

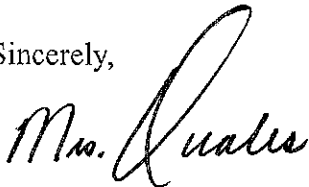
To learn more about about the SC READY and SCPASS assessments, please visit the SC Department of Education's website:

SC READY - <https://ed.sc.gov/tests/middle/sc-ready/information-for-parents/>

SCPASS - <https://ed.sc.gov/tests/middle/scpass/scpass-information-for-parents/>

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call Carrie Prochaska or Tracy Winetroub at 355-7600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mrs. Qualls".

Kristy Qualls, Principal