

2019-2020



SCHOOL YEAR

ASSESSMENTS

AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

state-required assessment



whole-class tested targeted-students tested

district-selected assessment



whole-class tested targeted-students tested

TEST	4K	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Gold														
KRA														
F&P														
Cogat/IOWA														
RI														
MI														
PTA														
Benchmarks														
SC Ready ELA &Math														
SC Pass Science														
EOC (EOCEP)														
WIN														
PSAT 8														
PSAT NMSQT														
ACT or SAT														
AP														
ASVAB														
ACCESS														
CFAs (optional teacher resource)														

WHAT, WHEN & WHY



ASSESSMENT	GRADE LEVELS TESTED & FREQUENCY	PURPOSE
Teaching Strategies Gold (Gold)	All 4K students, 3x/yr.	Measures the knowledge, skills, & behaviors in 9 domains predictive of school success: Social, Emotional, Physical, Language, Cognitive, Literacy, Mathematics, Science & Technology & Arts.
Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)	All K students, 1x/yr.	Measures readiness for Kindergarten in 4 domains: Social Foundations, Language and Literacy, Mathematics, Physical Well-Being & Motor Development.
Fountas & Pinnell (F&P)	All K- 2nd grade students, 3x/yr. Targeted 3rd graders.	Used to observe & quantify student reading behaviors according to the F&P Text Level Gradient, which generates a student's independent & instructional reading level. This assessment helps inform R2S retention decisions.
Cognitive Abilities Test/ Iowa (CogAT/Iowa)	All 2nd grade students, 1x/yr.	CogAT: Aptitude test in Verbal, Quantitative and Non-verbal problem solving. The Iowa Assessment is a norm-referenced achievement test to measure mastery of academic skills found in the elementary curriculum. Used in SC to determine eligibility for Gifted and Talented.
Reading Inventory (RI)	All students, 2nd through 10th grade, 3x/yr.	Nationally normed, formative assessment. Provides a Lexile reading metric. Used to monitor student progress towards expected performance levels & to provide interventions when appropriate.
Math Inventory (MI)	All students, 2nd through 9th grade, 3x/yr.	Nationally normed, formative assessment. Provides a math metric - a Quantile. Used to monitor student progress towards expected performance levels & to provide interventions when appropriate.
Performance Task Assessment (PTA)	Targeted students 2nd through 5th grade, 1x/yr.	Manipulative-based assessment. Provides a "hands-on" dimension to measure problem solving. Administered to select students in grades 2-5 who require 1 additional dimension to qualify for Gifted & Talented program services.
Formative Benchmarks	All students, 2nd through 12th grade 3x/yr.	Interim assessments to monitor student achievement in meeting SC state standards in each content area. Results are used to inform instruction & revise curriculum to ensure students are on track to meeting end of the year state standards.
SC Ready (ELA & Math)	All students in grades 3 through 8, 1x/yr.	Statewide assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and math to measure mastery of SC state standards. Results are used for state summative ratings under the SC ESSA model & formatively by the District to identify curricular modifications.
Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS-Science)	All students in grades 4, & 6, 1x/yr.	State Assessment administered in grades 4 & 6 to measure mastery of SC science standards. Results are used for state summative ratings under the SC ESSA model & formatively by the District to identify curricular modifications.
SC End-of-Course Examination Program (EOC)	All students taking Algebra I, Biology, English 2 & US History, 1x/yr.	Statewide assessment program of end of course tests for courses awarded high school units of credit in English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.
Worldwide Interactive Network Ready to Work (WIN)	All 11th grade students, 1x/yr.	Workforce Development Credential/Assessment. Measures Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, Locating Information & soft skills. One of 4 ways a student can demonstrate Career Readiness based on SC ESSA Model.
Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test for 8th Grade (PSAT 8)	All 8th grade students, 1x/yr.	Measures the same skills & knowledge on a common scale as the SAT at an 8/9th grade level. Results qualify students for national scholarship programs.
Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit State Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)	All 10th grade students, 1x/yr & 8th grade students who are potential Junior Scholars.	Evidenced based Reading, Writing, Language & Math. Scores are reported on a common score scale with the SAT. Provides opportunity for personalized practice. Used by scholarship programs, including the National Merit® Scholarship Program, to identify eligible students.
American College Testing/Scholastic Aptitude Test (ACT/SAT)	All 11th grade students, 1x/yr.	College Entrance Exam. Students choice in which exam they take. Both assessments measure student achievement in Evidenced based Reading, Writing, Language & Math.
Advanced Placement (AP)	All students taking Advanced Placement courses, 1x/yr.	At the conclusion of an AP course, students participate in the AP assessment. Depending on the grade scored, college course credit may be honored depending on the college/univ.
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)	Interested & targeted 12th grade students, 1x/yr.	Measures developed abilities to predict future academic & occupational success in the military. Scores in 4 critical areas - Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension & Mathematics Knowledge comprise a students' Armed Forces Qualifying Test (AFQT) score, which determines eligibility to enlist in the U.S. military.
Access for English Language Learners (ACCESS)	Targeted students, 1x/yr.	Administered annually to English Language Learners until proficient to monitor progress in learning English. Used to monitor & report progress toward English Language Proficiency as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
Common Formative Assessments (CFAs)	All students in grades 3-8 in ELA & Math; Algebra 1 & English 1. 1x/quarter.	Brief, teacher created common assessments. Designed to monitor student learning of priority academic standards & encourage consistency in content delivery & assessment from classroom to classroom.