

2017-2018 South Carolina Alternate Assessment Key Testing Dates

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<p>South Carolina Alternate Assessment Portal Opens</p> <p>The South Carolina Alternate Assessment Portal will serve as a public repository of information for the SC Alternate Assessments. The Portal will also allow test coordinators and test administrators to access online assessment systems, including the Test Information Distribution System (TIDE), the Data Entry Interface (DEI), the Test Delivery System (TDS), and the Online Reporting System (ORS). District technology coordinators will have access to all technical manuals and can download necessary applications.</p>	Aug 4, 2017
<p>TIDE Available for the 2018 Administration</p> <p>The Test Information Distribution Engine, or TIDE, is live for the 2018 administration. Until January 16, 2018, only the Users task is available.</p>	Oct 3, 2017
<p>Secure Browser and Voice Pack Available for Download</p> <p>The Secure Browser can now be downloaded from the Technology Coordinator's page on the Portal. The Voice Pack is now available in TIDE. See the TIDE User Guide, available on October 3, for more details.</p>	Oct 3, 2017
<p>Practice Test Available</p> <p>The practice test for the SC-Alt Online Assessments will be available on November 6, 2017.</p>	Nov 6, 2017
<p>DTC-Alt Webinar</p> <p>The training webinar for the DTCs-Alt will be hosted by SCDE and AIR on November 9, 2017.</p>	Nov 9, 2017
<p>District Technology Coordinator Webinar</p> <p>The training webinar for the district technology coordinators will be hosted by SCDE and AIR on November 29, 2017</p>	Nov 29, 2017
<p>New TA Training Registration Window</p> <p>All <i>new</i> test administrators must attend the regional training for the spring 2018 South Carolina Alternate Assessments.</p>	Dec 11, 2017 – Jan 17, 2018
<p>Online TA Training Course Available</p> <p>All test administrators, including new test administrators, must complete the Online TA Training Course to have their TIDE accounts certified. New TAs must complete the Course prior to their In-Person Training. TIDE accounts must be certified to administer the Alternate Assessments.</p>	February 1, 2018
<p>TIDE Initial Order Window</p> <p>DTCs-Alt will review the quantities of SC-Alt TA Kits confirm the number of materials, or determine whether each school in the district needs additional test materials. As a reminder, SC-Alt TA Kits are to be used with multiple students in the same grade-band and school.</p> <p>At this time, DTCs-Alt may also order Test Administration Manuals (TAMs) for their experienced TAs.</p>	Jan 16 – Jan 30, 2018
<p>TIDE Pre-ID Window</p> <p>DTCs-Alt are required to pre-identify students who are eligible to take the SC-Alt Science, the SC-NCSC ELA and Math, the SC-Alt Online Assessments, and the SC-Alt Independent Field Test (IFT) during the spring 2018 administration.</p>	Jan 16 – Apr 13, 2017
<p>Second Rater Assignments Posted</p> <p>DTCs-Alt will be able to view which students have been assigned a second rater in Social Studies through TIDE.</p>	Jan 16, 2018

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<p>New TA In-Person Training Training locations for new TAs will be posted when available. New TAs will receive TAMs during the in-person training.</p>	Feb 12-16, 2018
<p>South Carolina Alternate Assessments Administration Materials Arrive in Districts The DTCs-Alt must deliver the South Carolina Alternate Assessments test materials to School Test Coordinators (STCs) as soon as the kits have been received and checked in. Prior to the administration window, test administrators should follow the 'getting ready' steps found in the TAM.</p>	Feb 16, 2018
<p>TIDE Additional Order Window Additional TA Kits may be ordered for those students who were not accounted for in the first order window.</p>	Feb 16 – Apr 6, 2018
<p>Operational Invalidations Window DTCs-Alt can request an invalidation of assessments due to test security violations, incorrect administration procedures, errors in scoring, and errors in administration procedures during this window.</p>	Feb 26 – Apr 13, 2018
<p>South Carolina Alternate Assessments Administration Window Students may be assessed at any point during the window. All scores for paper tests must be submitted through the Data Entry Interface (DEI) and all online tests must be administered through the Student Interface via the Secure Browser by April 13, 2018.</p>	Feb 26 – Apr 13, 2018
<p>SC-Alt Social Studies Downloadable Data Available Preliminary scores will be available for the spring 2018 SC-Alt Social Studies starting on February 26, 2018, the first day of the testing window.</p>	Feb 26, 2018
<p>SC-NCSC ELA and Math Downloadable Data Available Preliminary scores will be available for the spring 2018 SC-NCSC ELA and Math starting on February 26, 2018, the first day of the testing window.</p>	Feb 26, 2018
<p>Verifications in the TA Security Affidavit Due in TIDE Test administrators and monitors must enter their acknowledgement of the test security affidavit in TIDE by April 13, 2018. Any student without a signed Test Administrator Security Affidavit will have their scores invalidated. More information on completing the TA Security Affidavit can be found under the Test Administration Resources section of the SC Alternate Assessment Portal.</p>	Apr 13, 2018
<p>Secure Materials Returned to AIR <u>All</u> printed test materials must be returned to the AIR by May 5, 2017.</p>	Apr 25, 2018
<p>SC-Alt Online Assessment Downloadable Data Available Preliminary scores will be available for the spring 2018 SC-Alt Online Assessments on July 13, 2018.</p>	July 13, 2018
<p>Paper Score Reports will arrive in District Districts will receive printed family reports on July 26, 2018.</p>	July 26, 2018