



Hillcrest Middle School

SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Assessments (SC READY) is a statewide assessment that includes tests in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics administered to students in grades 3–8. All students in grades 3–8 are required to participate in the SC READY, except those who qualify for the Alternate Assessment which is for students with significant cognitive disabilities. Additionally, the South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) is a required statewide assessment program in science that is administered to students in grades 4 and 6 in elementary and middle school. Both SC READY and SCPASS are untimed tests, administered in an online testing format, and used for state and federal accountability purposes.

Items on SC READY will include selected response, short answer, evidence-based selected response, and text-dependent analysis. Evidence-based selected response questions will require students to read a piece of text or a passage and choose the best answer from answer choices. Text-dependent analysis will require students to read a piece of text or a passage and draw upon that text for their extended written responses. Items on SCPASS will be multiple choice. SC READY and SCPASS tests are aligned to the state standards that are taught in your child’s classroom.

Please refer to the information below regarding testing at Hillcrest Middle School.

TEST	DATE	START TIME
SCPASS (4 th and 6 th grades only)	May 10, 2022	9:00am
SC READY ELA (Writing)	May 12, 2022	9:00am
SC READY ELA (Reading)	May 17, 2022	9:00am
SC READY (Mathematics)	May 19, 2022	9:00am

Student attendance during testing is highly encouraged. Please have your child at school on time each day. Doctor appointments and other out of school functions should not be scheduled on testing days. Please also make sure your child gets adequate sleep and has a good breakfast on testing days to ensure a successful testing experience. SCPASS and SC Ready will provide important information regarding how your child is progressing at his/her current grade level. Test scores will indicate which important skills, abilities, and knowledge your student has now, and it will determine which ones need to be learned for school success in the future. Results will help your child’s teacher understand where your child is succeeding, as well as where extra help or academic focus is needed. Please make sure your child’s Chromebook is charged each night before testing. During testing, students are not permitted to have any electronic devices that can be used for communicating, timing, creating images, or scoring images. All electronic devices will be collected prior to testing and returned once testing is complete for that day.

We need your support to ensure that your child is present, on time each day, and alert to do his/her best on their tests. At Hillcrest Middle School, we want all students to be successful. We appreciate your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tarsha B. Stagers, Ed.S

Principal

Vision: Sumter School District is committed to educating, empowering, and enriching the lives of all students to reach their full potential.

Mission: Sumter School District is committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and high-quality educational environment that supports diversity and equips students for local and global success.

Sumter School District is an equal opportunity employer.