

Shoally Creek Elementary

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Dear Parents or Guardians:

The SC READY (Grades 3-8) and SC PASS (Grades 4-8) are standardized tests required for all students in SC public schools. This is a yearly measure of what students have learned. The test also indicates whether a child may need additional academic help during the following school year.

Students who are absent during a day of testing will be required to take a make-up test. Students usually make a better score when they are able to test with their class/teacher, rather than being in another area for a make-up test. Please avoid making doctor appointments and scheduling other out-of-school functions during testing hours.

Testing dates and approximate times are attached.

Neither SC READY nor SC PASS are timed tests and students will have plenty of time to complete each portion of their tests. **During testing, no electronic devices that can be used for communicating, timing, creating images, or storing images are allowed. Examples of these items are cell phones, personal calculators, cameras, and stop watches. Please leave these at home.**

While these tests are not a test for which students can study, there are preparations that can be made to make your child more successful.

Students should:

- 1. Get plenty of rest the night before testing.**
- 2. Arrive at school on time each day of testing (before 7:40).**
- 3. Eat a good breakfast each morning before testing.**
- 4. Attend school each day of testing.**

Please talk with your child/children to let them know that they should not become stressed about the test. If a student has made an effort to do well in class, they should also do well on the tests.

- Read or listen closely to the directions. Ask questions if you do not understand the directions.**
- Read over every sentence you write/type. This takes less time than you think but, it can really make a difference in your score.**
- If you are stuck on a question, use the test taking strategies that you have learned this year and try to choose the best answer from the choices provided.**
- Don't take shortcuts. Remember, this test is not timed. Use the techniques your teacher taught you this year.**

Please encourage your children to do their best work on both SC READY and SC PASS. Children, parents, and teachers need to work together to make testing a smooth and successful event. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at 594-3200

Sincerely,

Jessica H. Yates
School Counselor/School Testing Coordinator

SC READY Testing Schedule

3rd and 4th Grade			
	8-May	9-May	15-May
8:30 AM	ELA Day 1	ELA Day 2	MATH
	Approximately 2 hours	Approximately 1.5 hours	Approximately 2 hours

SC PASS Testing Schedule

4th Grade Only		
	16-May	17-May
8:30 AM	Hooper	Blackwelder
8:30 AM	Robinson	Bridges
	Approximately 1 hour	Approximately 1 hour