

# Spring Assessments

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SPARTANBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE

# Timeline Overview

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## FEBRUARY

Performance Tasks –  
GT students  
ACCESS – ESOL  
students

## APRIL

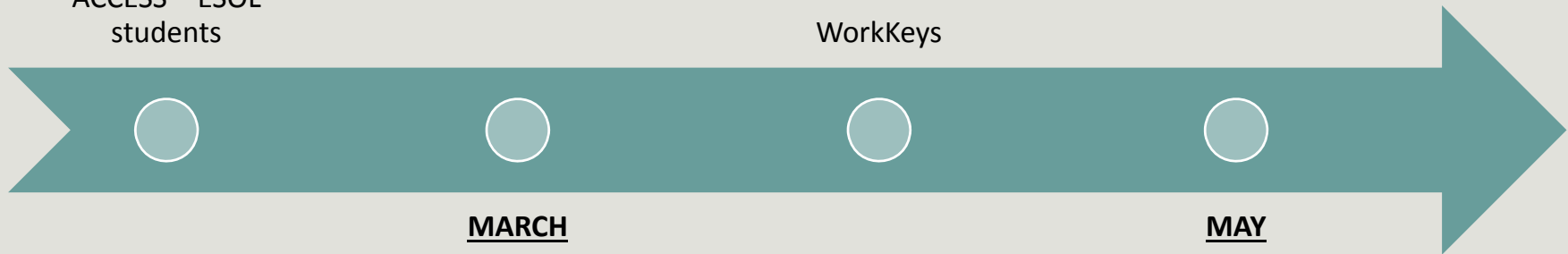
ACT Aspire  
The ACT  
WorkKeys

## MARCH

Performance Tasks  
(cont'd)  
ACCESS (cont'd)  
Spring MAP testing

## MAY

ACT Aspire (Science)  
End-of-Course



# Performance Tasks

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SC eligibility for Gifted and Talented services

Initial qualification for Performance Tasks made through CogAT in fall

204 students in grades 2-5 are participating in 2015

February 16 – March 6

# ACCESS

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SC test for English Proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and language

All students scoring below a '5' in placement test or from previous administration

204 students district-wide are participating in 2015

February 17 – March 30

One year proviso – test may change again next year

# MAP Testing

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Continue to use for the time being

One of four options for formative assessment the state will subsidize

With uncertainty of summative assessment and standards in review, this is our best option – at least for this year

Grades K-8 and some high school will test between March 24 and April 24

# ACT Aspire

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Summative testing program for grades 3-8 ELA, math and science

ELA is in three parts:

- Writing – April 28
- English – April 28
- Reading – April 29

Math will be administered April 30

Science is being administered in all 7 Spartanburg districts between May 1 and May 13.

# ACT Aspire Science

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All students who take the ACT Aspire science test will receive the following data:

- ACT Aspire Science score (displayed relative to an ACT Readiness Benchmark and ACT Readiness Range for Science)
- performance indicators in specific skills areas within the Science subject area (e.g. “Interpretation of Data”)
- ideas for improving in specific skills areas in Science
- STEM score for students who take both the Mathematics and Science tests.

Students in grade 8 will receive the data described above, plus:

- a Progress Toward Career Readiness score for students who take the English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science tests. This data indicates whether the student is making progress toward a Bronze, Silver, or Gold level ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC).

# ACT Aspire

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Paper and pencil testing for all students

Each test is timed (timing varies based on grade and subject)

Accommodations are provided for students

STCs are working through accommodations at this time

Ongoing training is being provided throughout spring

Accountability measure for ELA and math for 2015



# The ACT

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Administered to all students in grade 11

Tuesday, April 28

Five subtests – all multiple-choice (except for writing)

- English
- Math
- Reading
- Science
- Writing

Number of questions and timing varies by subject

# WorkKeys

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Administered to all students in grade 11

Wednesday, April 29

Three sections:

- Reading for Information
- Applied Mathematics
- Locating Information

Each subtest has 33 Items (all multiple-choice)

# ACT Products

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Chief Procurement Officer ruled in late December that the process used to select ACT was invalid

ACT contract award changed to one year with a new procurement this spring

ACT promptly filed an appeal

# SCPASS

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Administered to all students in grades 4-8

Science and Social Studies are assessed

Test is the same as in prior years

Will be used for accountability in grades 4-8

Online option this year (May 7 through May 22)

- Lyman Elementary
- Wellford Academy

Paper/pencil administration dates are

- Science – May 7
- Social Studies – May 8

# End-of-Course Examination Program

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Administered to all students in the following:

- Algebra I/Math for the Technologies II
- Biology I/Applied Biology II
- US History
- English I

All online administrations

Testing window for all schools is May 11-29

All information is the same as in prior years