Anderson 4 School District

February 1, 2024

Dear Parent / Guardian,

As part of federal and state testing requirements, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires states to test students in grades 3 - 8 each year in Reading / Language Arts, Math, and Science. South Carolina fulfills the 3-8 testing requirements through the South Carolina College-and Career-Ready Assessments (SC READY) in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science. The science assessment is only administered to students in grades 4 and 6 (at elementary level).

For the spring 2024 assessment, there will be a writing (ELA) field test administered to all students. Field tests are an integral part of ongoing efforts to assess and improve the quality of education provided to students. Each field test allows the state to evaluate the effectiveness of test items before they are incorporated into operational tests.

All students in grades 7-8 will participate in the SC Ready Writing Field Test. It is important to note that students will not receive individual results from the field tests, as the primary purpose is to ensure the proper functioning of test items. Student participation in each field test is required as part of the state testing process.

The state requirements specify the timeline for administering all tests. Within this window of time, all students in grades 3 - 8 are required to take these assessments. The state testing schedule for middle level students in grades 7 - 8 is noted below. Please mark your calendars for these important dates to ensure that other events do not interfere with your child's attendance at school on these days.

Middle Level Testing Schedule for State Testing (Spring 2024)		
Subject Tested	**Date**	**Grade Tested**
ELA Day 1	Tuesday, April 30, 2024	Grades 7-8
ELA Day 2	Wednesday, May 1, 2024	Grades 7-8
Math	Thursday, May 2, 2024	Grades 7-8
Writing *Field Test	Wednesday, May 8, 2024	Grades 7-8

Thank you for noting these important dates on family calendars now to ensure your child's attendance during the spring testing season. Your support is greatly appreciated. As partners in education, success will be the end result.

Sincerely,

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