



Sumter High School

SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The statewide End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP) assessment will occur at the end of this semester for your child as a result of their enrollment in Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 2, and/or United States History and the Constitution.

The EOCEP encourages instruction in the specific standards for the courses, inspires student achievement, and documents the level of student mastery of the academic standards. To meet federal and state accountability requirements, the EOCEP must be administered to all public school students enrolled in the above-listed courses, including those students as required by the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) and by Title 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

The South Carolina Department of Education directs school districts to facilitate onsite testing consistent with all test administration procedures and requirements for test security, validity, and reliability.

Please refer to the information below regarding testing at your child's school.

TEST	DATE	START TIME
<i>English 2 Writing</i>	May 5, 2026	8:45 am
U.S. History and the Constitution	May 12, 2026	8:45 am
Biology 1	May 13, 2026	8:45 am
English 2 Reading	May 14, 2026	8:45 am
<i>Algebra 1</i>	May 15, 2026	8:45 am

The best preparation for testing is the rigorous instruction that your child has received throughout the year in his/her classroom. We are also preparing our students for state testing by helping them to develop test taking strategies and by familiarizing them with the format of the tests – two areas that can prevent students from demonstrating what they already know.

Please speak to your child about the test experience. It is important that students approach the test with seriousness and confidence. We count on your support in the following ways:

- Students must be present and on time.
- **Students must NOT bring into the testing location any electronic devices** (cell phones, stop watches, earbuds, etc).
 - If it is discovered that a student was using their cell phone or other electronic device, the item will be collected and searched to verify that no information was shared, stored or used as an aid during the assessment.
- **Medical appointments and other out-of-school functions should not be scheduled during testing hours.**
- Please help alleviate any anxieties your child may have about the testing and encourage him/her to take the test seriously and to put in their best effort.
- Please ensure that your child eats a wholesome, nutritious breakfast each day.
- Please ensure that your child is well rested and ready to do his/her best work.

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If you have any questions about testing, please speak with your child's teacher or the site testing coordinator at (803) 481-4480.

Sincerely,

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Keisha Scriven, STC Coordinator