



# STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District Superintendents

**FROM:** Elizabeth Jones, Director  
Office of Assessment

**DATE:** July 23, 2014

**RE:** SCPASS Science and Social Studies Testing

There are two important updates to share with you regarding SCPASS testing in science and social studies for spring 2015.

Due to conflicting language in legislation, during recent presentations I stated that grade 3 students would continue to take either science or social studies tests—with approximately half of the students taking each test. Recently, however, the SCDE has received clarification that only students in grades four through eight would be required to participate in science and social studies SCPASS testing. Thus, beginning in spring 2015, **SCPASS science and social studies tests will not be administered to students in grades 3**. All students in grades 4–8 will take both the science and social studies tests.

Also, beginning with spring 2015, districts will have the option to participate in the online testing of SCPASS science and social studies. The traditional paper/pencil test materials will also be available. Data Recognition Corporation will make the SCPASS science and social studies tests available via the same testing platform currently being used for ECOEP online testing.

More details will follow in the coming months. You can contact me with questions at [ejones@ed.sc.gov](mailto:ejones@ed.sc.gov) or (803) 734-8295.

cc: District Test Coordinators