



Testing Bulletin

2016 SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS)

School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties (District Five) participated in the administration of South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) Spring 2016. This was the seventh time the SCPASS was administered. More details are available on the South Carolina Department of Education’s website at <http://ed.sc.gov/tests/middle/scpass/>.

The SCPASS tests are aligned to the South Carolina curriculum standards and assess student achievement in science, and social studies. In May 2016, all students in grades four and seven took science and social studies SCPASS. Since the SCPASS was developed to measure our state curriculum standards, no national comparisons are available. District Five scores can be compared with South Carolina statewide results and with the scores of other school districts around the state.

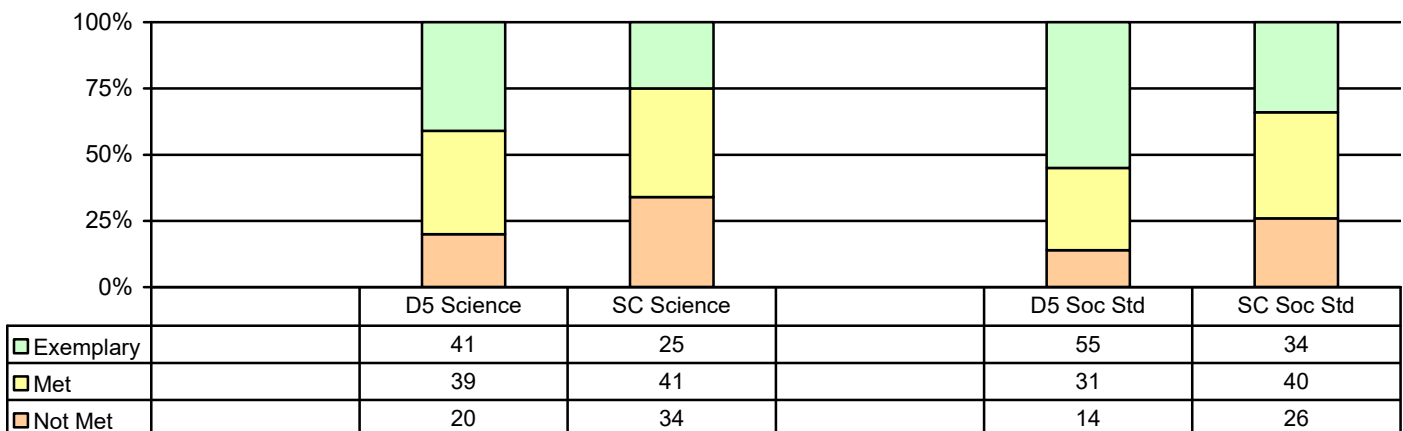
Performance Levels

The SCPASS test results are reported as total scale scores and performance levels for each of the five tests. The three performance levels for each test are:

- Exemplary** The student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
- Met** The student met the grade level standard. (This is the level used for Federal accountability reports and is considered ‘passing’.)
- Not Met** The student did not meet the grade level standard.

The chart below shows the percentage of students in each of the performance levels for each test for District Five and the State for 2016. District Five performance in the Exemplary level and the percentage of students passing exceeds state level performance in both subject areas. The percentage of students in the Not Met level for District Five is lower than the state. Grade Level results are included at the end of this report. School level results are available at the South Carolina Department of Education, Office of Assessment, at <http://ed.sc.gov/data/test-scores/state-assessments/scpalmetto-assessment-of-state-standards-pass/2016/district-pass/?ID=3205>.

District and State performance levels by subject from 2011 to 2016 are provided on the next pages.



SCPASS Test Results for District Five and State from 2011 to 2016

	Year	Science				Social Studies			
		Number Tested	% Exemplary	% Met	% Not Met	Number Tested	% Exemplary	% Met	% Not Met
District	2011	5,106	35	46	19	5,074	50	35	15
	2012	5,102	38	45	17	5,097	52	34	14
	2013	5,113	38	46	16	5,115	55	31	14
	2014	5,170	41	41	18	5,156	55	31	14
	2015	6,482	37	44	19	6,472	55	31	14
	2016	6,471	41	39	21	6,472	55	31	14
State	2011	215,951	22	46	32	215,981	32	40	28
	2012	217,128	24	48	28	216,687	34	40	26
	2013	218,871	23	49	28	218,704	36	39	25
	2014	220,392	25	44	31	220,023	36	39	25
	2015	275,524	22	45	33	275,433	36	39	25
	2016	278,634	25	41	34	278,563	34	40	26

Standard Level Results

In addition to subject level results, the SCPASS tests are designed to provide standard-level results. The three performance levels categories for each academic standard are:

- Student test performance shows weaknesses and a need for further instruction in the standard.
- Student may benefit from additional activities that focus on the standard.
- Student test performance shows strengths in the standard.

Standard level results by school grade and subject are available at the South Carolina Department of Education at <http://ed.sc.gov/data/test-scores/state-assessments/scpalmetto-assessment-of-state-standards-pass/2016/district-pass/?ID=3205>.

District Five and Selected Districts Results

District Five's overall performance (all grades combined) at the Exemplary level is among the top five performing districts in the state in each test. District Five has the second highest overall exemplary level performance in Social Studies, and, the third highest overall exemplary level performance in Science.

The following tables provide the SCPASS 2016 results of District Five and selected districts in the state. These selected districts were chosen either because they are located in the same geographic region as District Five or have similar performance on the test.

SCPASS 2016 Test Results for Selected Districts

	Science				Social Studies			
	# Tested	% Exemplary	% Met	% Not Met	# Tested	% Exemplary	% Met	% Not Met
District 5	6,471	40.9	38.5	20.6	6,472	54.6	31.3	14.1
Kershaw	4,004	21.2	44.2	34.5	4,003	29.7	44.6	25.6
Lexington 1	9,706	33.4	42.4	24.2	9,701	43.8	37.0	19.2
Lexington 2	3,330	23.6	38.8	37.7	3,329	32.2	40.3	27.5
Lexington 3	687	18.2	46.3	35.5	688	25.7	49.3	25.0
Lexington 4	1,200	9.0	35.1	55.9	1,201	11.0	42.8	46.2
Newberry	2,204	21.1	41.5	37.5	2,203	31.9	43.2	24.9
Richland 1	8,565	18.1	37.5	44.4	8,563	28.1	39.7	32.2
Richland 2	10,452	21.4	42.5	36.1	10,445	29.8	42.4	27.8
York 2	2,794	42.6	40.4	17.0	2,796	52.3	34.1	13.6
York 4	5,117	48.1	40.9	11.0	5,115	62.2	29.5	8.3
State	278,634	24.5	41.4	34.1	278,563	33.7	39.7	26.5

SCPASS 2016 Test Results for District Five

Science

Grade	District 5				South Carolina		
	% Exemplary	% Met	% Not Met		% Exemplary	% Met	% Not Met
4	24.4	50.0	25.6		16.7	48.3	35.0
5	30.8	44.0	25.2		22.0	43.7	34.3
6	40.1	40.7	19.2		19.4	42.6	37.9
7	54.2	30.4	15.3		30.7	39.9	29.4
8	53.8	28.2	18.0		34.1	32.1	33.8
All	40.9	38.5	20.6		24.5	41.4	34.1

Social Studies

Grade	District 5				South Carolina		
	% Exemplary	% Met	% Not Met		% Exemplary	% Met	% Not Met
4	47.1	41.1	11.8		31.4	49.9	18.7
5	47.0	32.5	20.4		33.2	38.3	28.5
6	56.4	34.6	9.0		30.0	46.3	23.7
7	64.2	21.0	14.8		37.0	31.4	31.6
8	57.6	27.9	14.5		37.2	32.3	30.5
All	54.6	31.3	14.1		33.7	39.7	26.5

Links to Additional Information

SCPASS Testing Program (includes sample questions):

<http://ed.sc.gov/tests/middle/scpass/>

South Carolina Test scores:

<http://ed.sc.gov/data/test-scores/state-assessments/scpalmetto-assessment-of-state-standards-pass/2016/>