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MEMORANDUM

TO: Special Education Directors

FROM: Rebecca C. Davis
Director, Office of Special Education Services

DATE: August 11, 2020

RE: Required Pre- and Post-Assessments for Academic Recovery Camps and the 2020–2021 School Year

On June 26, 2020, Governor McMaster signed into law Act 142, which requires that districts must pre-assess all students, in kindergarten through grade nine within the first ten days of school and post-assess before the end of the 2020 calendar year.

A previous memo from David Mathis ([Pre/Post Assessments](#)) contained the following language: For students with significant cognitive disabilities who are assessed with an alternate assessment, the student’s Individualized Education Program team will determine what alternate assessment will be used to meet this pre- and post-legislative mandate. If none of the approved list of reading and math assessments would be appropriate, even with appropriate accommodations, then a [rubric](#) with student independent demonstrated progress toward reading and math goals will meet this requirement.

The district will need to follow the same assessment schedule for pre-assessment (within the first ten days of school) and post-assessment (before the end of the 2020 calendar year). Reporting for these students will be through the link above.

If you have any questions, please email Kim Watkins at kawatkins@ed.sc.gov.