

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Anderson School District Two is dedicated to developing students that reflect the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. The South Carolina College and Career Ready standards are designed to ensure South Carolina students are prepared to enter and succeed in career opportunities or postsecondary education and ensuing careers. To assist teachers in meeting the demands of these rigorous standards, Anderson School District Two utilizes a program called i-Ready®, an innovative adaptive assessment and engaging personalized instruction program for reading and math. Adaptive tests match the difficulty of test questions to the ability of each student. As students answer questions correctly, the test gets more difficult. As students answer questions incorrectly, the test gets easier. In both cases, the test adapts to find the precise ability of the test taker. i-Ready helps teachers assess the needs of each and every student in their class while monitoring progress throughout the school year. It also provides differentiated, individualized online and classroom instruction based on the skills that each student needs.

i-Ready Diagnostic is given three times during the school year: at the beginning of the school year, middle of the year, and end of the year. The results of the adaptive assessment provide teachers with an instructional course of action personalized for each student.

Immediately following each assessment, i-Ready places your child into Online Instruction to support his or her progress in mastering essential skills in reading and math. The Online Instruction, if used more than 45 minutes per subject, per week, has been proven to help students grow academically. We encourage you to work with your teacher to find out how you can help your child at home access this instruction beyond the hours of formal class instruction.

Another function of iReady is Standards Mastery which allows administrators and teachers to build their own short, targeted assessments—called “Mastery Checks”—to assess specific, grade-level standards. Administrators and teachers build each Mastery Check, selecting the standards to be covered, and decide when it will be administered. Standards Mastery and i-Ready Diagnostic are different tools that serve distinct purposes. i-Ready Diagnostic is an adaptive assessment, administered three times per year, that captures comprehensive insight into student ability across multiple groups of standards and then charts a personalized learning path of online lessons for each student. Standards Mastery’s scope is much smaller: it refers to shorter, fixed assessments that give insight into students’ understanding of a limited number of state standards. Grades may be given for Standards Mastery assessments. These grades are intended to measure learning and give parents and students feedback about student progress.

Our district uses iReady as a tool to guide instruction and to help teachers determine if students meet the level of mastery that is required of each state standard or if remediation is required. At the end of the year, students are required to take SC Ready, a state college and career ready assessment, which is also based on the state level standards which we teach throughout the year.

If you have any questions about i-Ready Diagnostic & Instruction, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher. You can also learn more about i-Ready by visiting www.i-ready.com/tour.

Sincerely,

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