

Special Circumstance Codes 2020-2021



In the event that a student cannot take or complete a high-stakes, summative assessment, the Test Coordinator at the building or district level will need to enter the Special Circumstance (SC) code in Educator Portal.

| Category | Situation | Description | Testing Requirements, ESSA Implications, Notes | SC Code |
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| Suspension | Long-term suspension | Grades 3–8: Student is suspended more than 4 weeks, overlapping testing window. Grades 10–11: Student is suspended for greater than 4 weeks during the second semester. | Student need not be tested and does not count against building for participation. | SC-01 |
| Truancy | Student is truant at beginning of local testing window and has unexcused absences for greater than 2 consecutive weeks at the time of testing. | Papers have been filed for Child in Need of Care. | Student need not be tested and does not count against building for participation. | SC-04 |
| Truancy | | No truancy paperwork filed with county attorney | Student is required to be tested. If the student is not assessed, the student will be counted as not tested and will count against the school for participation. | SC-05 |
| Absences | Chronic absences | Excessive and intermittent absences throughout the state testing window | Student is required to be tested. If the student is not assessed, the student will be counted as not tested and will count against the school for participation. | SC-07 |
| Absences | Catastrophic illness or accident | Student has been seriously disabled by accident or illness. | Student need not be tested and does not count against school for participation. Must be approved by KSDE. | SC-08 |
| Private, non-accredited, or home school | Student is enrolled in a private, non-accredited school or is home schooled AND attends a public school. | | Student MUST be tested in any assessed content area in which they are attending. Refer to KIDS documentation for appropriate enrollment and TEST codes. | SC-16 |
| COVID-19 | Student is learning remotely due to Covid-19. | Student is learning remotely due to Covid-19 and is unable to attend brick and mortar school to test. | A decision will be made in June by KSDE to determine how participation will be counted for this code. Must be approved by KSDE. | SC-19 |
| Previously tested at this grade level | Student took this grade level assessment last year. | A retained student took the same grade-level assessment last year. | Student is required to be tested. Test counts for participation. Score will not be included in accountability calculations. | SC-20 |
| In jail or special center | Incarceration in an adult facility | If student is incarcerated in an adult facility, USDOE says the student need not be tested. | Student need not be tested. This does not count against school for participation. | SC-24 |
| In jail or special center | Student is in a special treatment center or residential care center (long-term placement). | Student is in a substance abuse, mental, or behavioral treatment center. | Student must be tested. If the student is not assessed, the student will be counted as not tested and will count against the school for participation. | SC-25 |



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| In jail or special center | Student is in a special detention center (short-term placement facility). | Student is in a juvenile detention center. | Student need not be tested . This does not count against school for participation. | SC-26 |
| Parent refusal | Parent refusal | Parent refuses to allow student to be assessed. | Student must be tested. If the student is not assessed, the student will be counted as not tested and will count against the school for participation. | SC-27 |
| Cheating | Student is cheating. | Student is observed to be engaged in some inappropriate testing practice. | Notify your district test coordinator, who will call KSDE about possibly giving another form of the test. Test is invalid and the student is counted as not tested . Student counts against the school for participation . | SC-28 |
| Homebound | Student is receiving homebound instruction. | General education or IEP student is receiving homebound services. | Student must be tested. If the student is not assessed, the student will be counted as not tested and will count against the school for participation. | SC-31 |
| Foreign exchange student | Foreign exchange student | Student is required to be tested. | Student must be tested. If the student is not assessed, the student will be counted as not tested and will count against the school for participation. | SC-32 |
| Prohibited practices | English language arts | English language arts assessment PASSAGE was read to student. | Student counts as not tested . If this is discovered before the test window closes, notify your district test coordinator, who will notify KSDE. | SC-34 |
| Prohibited practices | Math | Student used a calculator on the non-calculator portions of the assessment. | Student counts as not tested . If discovered before the test window closes, notify your district test coordinator, who will notify KSDE. | SC-36 |
| Prohibited practices | Math | Student used either a teacher-generated or a student-generated math journal. | Student counts as not tested . If this is discovered before the test window closes, notify your district test coordinator, who will notify KSDE. | SC-37 |
| Other | Other reason for ineligibility | Contact your district test coordinator, who will notify KSDE. | Student need not be tested and does not count against the school for participation. Must be approved by KSDE. | SC-39 |
| Left (moved) during testing | Student took one full test and then moved during testing. | The student took one assessment at school and then moved before taking all of the required assessments. | Student is not tested this year on this assessment at this school. This does not count against this school for participation. Should be used if this is not the student's accountability school for this assessment. | SC-41 |
| Mis-administration of assessment | Teacher incorrectly or unethically administered assessment. | | Students count as not tested . | SC-98 |