

NC Annual Testing 2023-24

Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary and Secondary I
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Beginning-of-Grade 3 (BOG3) Reading Test

Scheduled for September 12th, 2023 (3rd grade only)

- The BOG3 Reading Test is aligned to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study (NCSCS) for grade 3 English language arts.
- The purpose of the test is to establish a baseline measure of beginning third grade students' reading skills.
- Students read authentic selections and then answer questions related to the selections.
- Knowledge of vocabulary is assessed indirectly through application and understanding of terms within the context of the selections and questions.
- All test questions are multiple-choice.
- The BOG3 testing window begins on the first day of the school year and continues through the fifteenth day.

End-of-Grade (EOG) Tests

Testing Window for all EOGs: May 23rd - June 6th, 2024 (3rd through 8th grade)

Reading

- The EOG reading tests are aligned to the NCSCS for English language arts.
- Students read authentic selections and then answer questions related to the selections.
- Knowledge of vocabulary is assessed indirectly through application and understanding of terms within the context of the selections and questions.
- All test questions are multiple-choice.

Mathematics

- The EOG mathematics tests are aligned to the NCSCS for mathematics.
- The EOG mathematics tests consist of two parts: calculator inactive and calculator active.

Students are not allowed to use calculators during the calculator inactive part of the test; students are allowed to use calculators during the calculator active part of the test.

- The EOG mathematics tests at grades 3 and 4 contain multiple-choice questions.
- The online EOG tests at grades 5–8 contain multiple-choice and numeric entry questions.

Science

- The EOG science tests at Grades 5 and 8 are aligned to the North Carolina Essential Standards for Science.
- The online EOG science tests contain multiple-choice and technology-enhanced questions.

WMPCS Testing

NWEA MAPS Growth and Reading Fluency Test

Given 3 times a year: (K through 8th grade)

Fall (Sept 6th -27th, 2023), Winter (Jan 17th - Feb 14, 2024), and Spring (May 2nd -22nd, 2024)

- This assessment is for measuring achievement and growth in K–12 math, reading, language usage, and science (middle and high school).
- It provides teachers with accurate, and actionable evidence to help target instruction for each student or groups of students regardless of how far above or below they are from their grade level.

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Secondary II

End-of-Course (EOC) Tests

Testing Window for all year-long EOCs: May 23rd - June 6th, 2024 (typically 9th through 12th grade)

- The EOC tests are available for Biology, English II, NC Math 1, and NC Math 3.

Students enrolled for credit in courses where EOC tests are required must take the appropriate EOC test at the completion of the course.

- The EOC tests are aligned to the NCSCS for English language arts and mathematics and the North Carolina Essential Standards for science.
- The online Biology test contains multiple-choice and technology-enhanced questions.
- The English II test contains multiple-choice and constructed-response questions.
- The online NC Math 1 and NC Math 3 tests contain multiple-choice questions, numeric entry questions, and technology-enhanced questions.
- The NC Math 1 test consists of two parts: calculator inactive and calculator active.

Students may use a calculator only for the calculator active part of the test.

- The NC Math 3 test contains only calculator active questions.
- Per 16 N.C. Admin. Code 06D. 0309, schools are to use results from all EOC tests as at least twenty percent of the student's final grade for each respective course.

PreACT

Testing Window for PreACT: October 17th, 2023

- The PreACT is administered to all tenth graders.
- The PreACT simulates the ACT testing experience within a shorter test on all four ACT test subjects: English, Reading, Math and Science.
- The multiple-choice test predicts future success aligned to the ACT test and provides

both current achievement and projected future ACT test scores on the one through thirty six ACT score scale.

- Detailed Results and Item Response help to identify specific areas of strength and weakness. Additional reporting insights on STEM, Career Readiness and Understanding Complex Texts are provided.
- The PreACT assessment is designed to help parents and educators identify areas that students may need additional academic support or remediation. The PreACT can also help to initiate strategic conversations between parents and schools regarding dual enrollment decisions, identifying curriculum gaps, implementing interventions on behalf of students and choosing Advanced Placement classes.

ACT

Scheduled for February 27, 2024

- Students enrolled in grade 11 take the ACT in the spring.
- The ACT is a curriculum- and standards-based assessment that evaluates college and career readiness in English, mathematics, reading and science.
- The ACT is used for college admissions, placement, and scholarships. It is accepted by most colleges and universities in the United States.
- Each section of the ACT test is multiple-choice and scored on a one through thirty-six point scale. The composite score is the average of the four subject test sections.
- The ACT provides a path to increase student access to postsecondary and workforce opportunities.

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Kindergarten through 12 th Grade

WIDA Screener, Kindergarten Screener and WIDA ACCESS (English as a second language students)

WIDA Screener and Kindergarten Screener window: First 30 days of school

WIDA ACCESS window: January 22nd- March 8th, 2024

- Language-minority students are identified through a home-language survey (HLS) process.
- Eligibility for being assessed on the WIDA Screener at grades 1–12 or the Kindergarten Screener is based on results of the HLS process.
- All EL students must be annually assessed to determine progress and level of English language proficiency.
- The WIDA Screener and Kindergarten Screener are screeners that determine if a student is identified as EL. If a student is identified as an EL, the WIDA Screener and Kindergarten Screener provide guidance concerning which tier (level) of English language proficiency test should be administered to the student. The score on the WIDA Screener also determines eligibility for state EL testing accommodations.
- The annual English language proficiency test, Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners (ACCESS for ELLs), is the state-designated EL proficiency test.

- The Alternate ACCESS for ELLs is an assessment of English language proficiency for students in grades 1–12 who are identified as language minority students and have significant cognitive disabilities that prevent their meaningful participation in the ACCESS for ELLs assessment.
- The WIDA Screener, Kindergarten Screener, ACCESS for ELLs, and the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs consist of subtests that assess the student’s English speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills.
- All students identified as ELs must be administered the ACCESS for ELLs or its alternate assessment during the annual testing window.
- The WIDA Screener and ACCESS for ELLs are required to be administered online.
- The results from the annual administration of the ACCESS for ELLs are used to measure progress and proficiency of ELs in the English language.