

2020–21 North Carolina Operational Test Calendar

Grades K–8 ¹		
Grade Level	Test	Test Date
K–8	W-APT and WIDA™ Screener	Initial assessment required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 45 calendar days of enrollment²
K–8	ACCESS for ELLs	Window: January 25–March 5, 2021
K–8	Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	
3	Beginning-of-Grade 3 Reading Test	By the 20 th day of face-to-face instruction
3–8	End-of-Grade (EOG) Reading and Mathematics Grades 3–8, and Science Grades 5 and 8	Final 10 instructional days of the school year
3	Grade 3 EOG Reading Retest	Final 10 instructional days of the school year
3	Read to Achieve Test for Grade 3	There are three windows within the year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer 2020: At the conclusion of reading camp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waived for the 2019–20 school year • Fall 2020: Schools offering a 3/4 transitional or 4th grade accelerated class may make the local decision to administer by November 1, 2020 • Spring 2021: Final 10 instructional days of the school year
3–8	NCEXTEND1 Alternate Assessment for Reading and Mathematics Grades 3–8, and Science Grades 5 and 8	Final 10 instructional days of the school year
5–8	End-of-Course (EOC) Tests for Biology, NC Math 1, and NC Math 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final 5 instructional days of the semester • Final 10 instructional days of yearlong course

¹The decision to administer a required assessment must be based on eligibility requirements, not grade level.

²For the 2020-21 school year only, the North Carolina State Board of Education approved an amendment to TEST-011 allowing 45 days for the initial assessment of English Learners.

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Grades 9–12¹		
Grade Level	Test	Test Date
9–12	WIDA™ Screener	Initial assessment required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 45 calendar days of enrollment²
9–12	Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM) Phase 1 Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer 2020: July 20–31 Fall 2020: September 17–October 14 Spring 2021: February 15–March 12 Summer 2021: July 19–30
9–12	End-of-Course (EOC) Tests for Biology, English II, NC Math 1, and NC Math 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final 5 instructional days of the semester Final 10 instructional days of yearlong course Final 5 instructional days of the summer school course
9–12	ACCESS for ELLs	Window: January 25–March 5, 2021
9–12	Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	
9–12	ACT WorkKeys	Fall 2020: November 16–December 15 Spring 2021: February 16–May 28, 2021
10	PreACT (Paper Testing only)	October 12–May 14, 2021
10	College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment (CCRAA) at Grade 10	
10	NCEXTEND1 Alternate Assessment for English II, Biology, and NC Math 1 at Grade 10	Final 10 instructional days of the school year
11	ACT without Writing – Standard Administration (Paper Testing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial: February 23, 2021 Makeup: March 9, 2021
11	ACT without Writing – Accommodations Windows (Paper Testing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial: February 23–26, 2021 and March 1–5, 2021 Makeup: March 9–12, 2021 and March 15–19, 2021

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Grades 9–12¹ (continued)		
Grade Level	Test	Test Date
11	ACT without Writing – Online Testing , Standard & Accommodations Windows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial: February 23–25, 2021 and March 2–4, 2021 • Makeup: March 9–11, 2021 and March 16–18, 2021
11	College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment (CCRAA) at Grade 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial: February 23–26, 2021 and March 1–5, 2021 • Makeup: March 9–12, 2021 and March 15–19, 2021
11	NCEXTEND1 Alternate Assessment at Grade 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makeup: March 9–12, 2021 and March 15–19, 2021

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NAEP³		
Grade Level/Age	Test	Test Date
Grades 4 & 8	NAEP Reading and Mathematics Assessment	January 25–March 5, 2021
Grade 8	NAEP Civics and U.S. History Assessment	January 25–March 5, 2021
Grade 4	Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS)	April–May 2021
Age 15	Program for International Student Assessment (PISA)	Fall 2021

³Schools selected to participate in NAEP will be notified.

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Makeup Testing for Spring 2020 Administration ACT, CCRAA at Grade 11, and NCEXTEND1 at Grade 11		
Grade Level	Test	Test Date
Current 12 th grade students	❖ ACT (Standard Administration) Makeup Testing for Spring 2020	<u>Paper Testing only, with Writing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 22, 2020 October 6, 2020 October 20, 2020
		<u>Paper Testing, without Writing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial paper/pencil: February 23, 2021 Makeup paper/pencil: March 9, 2021
		<u>Online Testing, without Writing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial: February 23–25, 2021 and March 2–4, 2021 Makeup: March 9–11, 2021 and March 16–18, 2021
Current 12 th grade students	❖ ACT (Accommodations Windows) ❖ College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment (CCRAA) at Grade 11 ❖ NCEXTEND1 Alternate Assessment at Grade 11 Makeup Testing for Spring 2020 (The windows to the right apply to all tests referenced in this box.)	<u>Paper Testing only, with Writing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 22, 2020–October 2, 2020 (weekdays) October 6–12, 2020 (weekdays) October 20–26, 2020 (weekdays)
		<u>Paper Testing, without Writing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial: February 23–26, 2021 and March 1–5, 2021 Makeup: March 9–12, 2021 and March 15–19, 2021
		<u>Online Testing, without Writing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial: February 23–25, 2021 and March 2–4, 2021 Makeup: March 9–11, 2021 and March 16–18, 2021