

TESTING & ACCOUNTABILITY

New Hanover County Schools shall establish and maintain a standardized basic testing program which can be utilized, communicated and interpreted by all stakeholders. All students Grades 3-12, including students with disabilities and English Learners (EL), shall be assessed.

The Testing and Accountability Department provides the evidence necessary to assess the growth of all students on basic knowledge and skills. It provides data to the Superintendent, principals, and teachers to measure the ability of all students to achieve and to review what measures are needed to improve the skills of all students. It also assures parents and students that the testing process is conducted in a fair, unbiased, and ethical manner.

The responsibilities of the Testing and Accountability Department are to:

- Assist in the local administration, reporting, and interpretation of test results and other accountability measures in the North Carolina Testing Program.
- Provide on-going training to all school principals and testing coordinators on the rules and regulations of administering the foregoing tests; including training on “Test Security Protocol and Procedures for School Personnel” and the “Code of Ethics” as it relates to all local and state tests, and the implications that will occur if proper procedures are not followed.
- Provide accurate and complete coding of test materials and disseminate accurate data results to the Board of Education, Superintendent, principals, and the community in a timely manner.
- Develop local policies and monitor procedures to ensure maximum test security in accordance with the policies and procedures developed by the test publisher.
- Ensure all eligible students are tested.
- Collaborate with appropriate district-wide departments to ensure all processes and procedures are implemented in accordance with all federal, state, and local regulations.

LEGAL REFS: NCGS 115C-174.10 to 115C-174.18

CROSS REF: [Policy 7440 Student Promotion and Accountability](#)

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