

# HOW DOES NC ENSURE ITS ASSESSMENTS ARE FAIR AND ACCESSIBLE FOR STUDENTS?

In North Carolina, teachers help develop and review all state-created assessments, like the NC Check-Ins interim assessments, and the End-of-Grade (EOG), End-of-Course (EOC), and NCEXTEND1 summative assessments. Questions for these assessments are written and reviewed by NC teachers.

All questions are reviewed by various specialists and go through a rigorous process.

- Do the questions match the content standards for this grade level?
- Are the questions free of bias?
- Are the questions age-appropriate?

In addition, each question is evaluated to ensure that it is accessible for all students (eg, partially sighted students, English Learner students). Accommodations, such as extended time or testing in a separate setting, are provided to students with Individualized Education Programs, English Learners Plans, or Section 504 plans.

Before any question can count towards a student's score, each question is field tested and evaluated to ensure it meets these demands. If the data show that the question is not fair or reliable, it will not be used.

## WHAT QUESTIONS CAN YOU ASK EDUCATORS TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR STUDENT'S PROGRESS?

### BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

- What assessments will my student take this school year?
- What is the purpose of each assessment?
- How will you use the information gathered from the assessment to support my student?
- How should I expect to receive updates on my student's progress?
- Are there areas where my student needs extra support or acceleration?
- What can we do at home to support my student?

### DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

- What can you tell me about my student's learning?
- Has my student made progress this year?
- Is my student meeting grade-level expectations?
- What are my student's strengths and needed areas of improvement?
- Can I see some examples of my student's work?
- Based on my student's classwork, can you share any other insights about my student's progress?
- Which skills and concepts from this school year are important for my student's success next school year?
- Is there any extra help or enrichment available for my student?
- What can I do to help my student outside of school?

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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