

August 30, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to a new year in Richmond County Schools. Each year, our teachers plan and deliver quality instruction to students at every grade level, and we use different kinds of tests through the NC Test Program to measure progress toward meeting our learning goals. This letter is to provide information on the purpose of each kind of test and a testing schedule for all schools in Richmond County for the 2024-25 school year.

It is very important to your child's academic health to participate in the North Carolina Annual Test Program with NC Check-Ins 2.0 so that teachers, students, and parents can work together for a more personalized educational experience for every child as well as to measure just how much students grew over the course of that semester or year through End of Course (EOC) and End of Grade (EOG) assessments.

Thank you for allowing Richmond County Schools to serve your child(ren) with the highest quality public education possible. We are committed to meeting the needs of every student in our district.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Taylor, Director of Testing and Accountability Richmond County Schools Formative assessments are one kind of test that we offer our students, and they are called NC Check-ins 2.0 assessments for Reading, Math, Science, Biology, English II, Math 1 and Math 3. We give students the opportunity to take these tests throughout the year so that we know where they need help the most and to help prepare them along the way for End-of-Grade (EOG) and End-of-Course (EOC) assessments. NC Check-Ins 2.0 assessments are not used for diagnostics, placement, grades, or for any other reason than providing parents, students, and teachers with reliable, in-depth information about how to help the students grow academically with grade level standards.

Here are the NC Check-Ins 2.0 test dates for Elementary and Middle Schools Grades 3-8:

(Two Math 1 Check-ins are given in yearlong schools, one in Fall and one in spring. All other grades have three Check-in test windows.)

	NC Check-Ins 2.0	A	
3-8	Check-Ins 2.0 A, Reading and Math	November 4-12	
5	Check-Ins 2.0 A, Life Science	November 4-12	
8	Check-Ins 2.0 A, Physical Science	November 4-12	
. 8	Check-Ins 2.0 A, Math 1 Yearlong	November 4-12	
	NC Check-Ins 2.0	В	
3-8	Check-Ins 2.0 B, Reading and Math	February 3-10	
5	Check-Ins 2.0 B, Earth Science	February 3-10	
8	Check-Ins 2.0 B, Earth Science	February 3-10	
	NC Check-Ins 2.0	C	
3-8	Check-Ins 2.0 C, Reading and Math	April 7-14	
5	Check-Ins 2.0 C, Life Science	April 7-14	
8	Check-Ins 2.0 C, Physical Science	April 7-14	
8	Check-Ins 2.0 B, Math 1 Yearlong	April 7-14	

Here is the schedule for NC Check-Ins 2.0 testing for Richmond Early College:

(Two assessments are given each semester for English II, Math 1, and Math 3, but Biology is broken into four tests per semester.)

GRADES	TEST NAME	FALL TEST DATES	SPRING TEST DATES
9-12	Check-Ins 2.0: Biology1 Molecular	September 12-13	February 3-4
9-12	Check-Ins 2.0 A: English II, Math 1, Math 3, Biology2 Structure/Function	October 16-24	March 3-10
9-12	Check-Ins 2.0: Biology3 Ecosystems	November 14-15	April 9-10
9-12	Check-Ins 2.0: English II, Math 1, Math 3, Biology4 Genetics/Evolution	December 2-9	April 28-May 5

Here is the schedule for NC Check-Ins 2.0 testing for Ashley Chapel, Richmond Senior High, and Richmond 9th Grade Academy

(Two assessments are given each semester for English II, Math 1, and Math 3, but Biology is broken into four tests per semester.)

GRADES	TEST NAME	FALL TEST DATES	SPRING TEST DATES
9-12	Check-Ins 2.0: Biology1 Molecular	September 12-13	February 3-4
9-12	Check-Ins 2.0 A: English II, Math 1, Math 3, Biology2 Structure/Function	October 16-24	March 3-10
9-12	Check-Ins 2.0: Biology3 Ecosystems	November 14-15	April 9-10
9-12	Check-Ins 2.0: English II, Math 1, Math 3, Biology4 Genetics/Evolution	December 2-9	April 28-May 5

Summative assessments are another kind of test we offer our students in the NC Test Program and are used to measure student achievement level and growth in Reading, Math/Math 1 at grades 3-8, Science at grades 5 & 8, and Biology, English II, Math 1 and Math 3 at grades 9-12. All public schools are required by the State of North Carolina to give these tests at the end of each year (EOG) or the end of each semester (EOC) to measure student and school performance. Other summative assessments that are required are WIDA ACCESS for English Learners, PreACT at grade 10, ACT at grade 11, and ACT WorkKeys for Career Technology Education Concentrators. The state requires 100% participation on state assessments for all eligible students. Alternate assessments are available for these assessments so all eligible students can participate equitably.

Here is the End of Grade (EOG) summative testing schedule for Elementary and Middle Schools:

3-8	EOG Reading and Math	May 22-May 23	
3	Read to Achieve Spring Administration as needed	May 28	
5 & 8	EOG Science	May 28	
8	EOC Math 1	May 23	
3-8	NC Extend 1 Reading, Math Science	May 22-June 5	
K-12	WIDA-ACCESS Test Window, All Schools	January 13-March 14	

Here is the End of Course (EOC) summative testing Richmond Early College:

GRADES	TEST NAME	FALL TEST DATES	SPRING TEST DATES
9-12	EOC: Biology, English 2, Math 1, Math 3 (NC Extend 1 Alternate assessments for Biology, English 2, and Math 1 are administered May 23-June 6, 2024)	December 16-20	May 15-21
10	PreACT/CCRAA-10	October 14	None
11	ACT/CCRAA-11/NC Extend 1-11	None	March 11
12	ACT WorkKeys (Concentrators Only)	November 5	February 12
9-12	WIDA ACCESS (and Alternate) for English Learners	WIDA screener for English Learners is administered yearlong within 30 days of enrollment.	January 13-March 14

Here is the testing schedule for required EOC/Other assessments in the NC Testing Program for Ashley Chapel Educational Center, Richmond Senior High School, & Richmond 9th Grade Academy

GRADES	TEST NAME	FALL TEST DATES	SPRING TEST DATES
9-12	EOC: Biology, English 2, Math 1,	January 10-16	May 30-June 5
	Math 3 (NC Extend 1 Alternate assessments		
	for Biology, English 2, and Math 1 are administered May 23-June 6, 2024)	4	
10	PreACT/CCRAA-10	October 14	None
11	ACT/CCRAA-11/NC Extend 1-11	None	March 11
12	ACT WorkKeys (Concentrators Only)	November 5	February 12
9-12	WIDA ACCESS (and Alternate) for English Learners	WIDA screener for English Learners is administered yearlong within 30 days of enrollment.	January 13-March 14