GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS 2025-2026 TESTING CALENDAR EMC and ACADEMIES

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AUGUST 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
				1 ☒
4 ☒	5 ☒	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20 ☒	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

SEPTEMBER 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1 ▲	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

CDM: 24–26 (Wed–Fri); 29–30 (Mon–Tue)

OCTOBER 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9 Q1	10 ☐
13 ☒	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

PreACT: 14–17 (Tue–Fri); 20–24 (Mon–Fri); 27–31 (Mon–Fri)
CCRAA Gr10: 14–17 (Tue–Fri); 20–24 (Mon–Fri); 27–31 (Mon–Fri)
WorkKeys Fall: 20–24 (Mon–Fri); 27–31 (Mon–Fri)

NOVEMBER 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3 ☒	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26 ○	27 ▲	28 ▲

PreACT: 4–7 (Tue–Fri); 10–14 (Mon–Fri); 17–21 (Mon–Fri)
CCRAA Gr10: 4–7 (Tue–Fri); 10–14 (Mon–Fri); 17–21 (Mon–Fri)
WorkKeys Fall: 4–7 (Tue–Fri); 10 (Mon); 11 ▲; 12–14 (Wed–Fri); 17–21 (Mon–Fri); 24–25 (Mon–Tue)

DECEMBER 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19 Q2
22 ○	23 ○	24 ▲	25 ▲	26 ▲
29 ○	30 ○	31 ○		

WorkKeys Fall: 1–5 (Mon–Fri)
EOC Block: 15–19 (Mon–Fri)
CDM: 15–19 (Mon–Fri)

JANUARY 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1 ▲	2 ☐
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19 ▲	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

ACCESS: 5–9 (Mon–Fri); 12–16 (Mon–Fri); 19 (Mon); 20–23 (Tue–Fri); 26–30 (Mon–Fri)

FEBRUARY 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16 ☒	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

ACCESS: 2–6 (Mon–Fri); 9–13 (Mon–Fri)
WorkKeys Spring: 16–20 (Mon–Fri); 23–27 (Mon–Fri)
ACCESS: 16–20 (Mon–Fri); 23–27 (Mon–Fri)
ACT Test Window 1: 24–27 (Tue–Fri)
CCRAA Gr11 Window 1: 24–27 (Tue–Fri)
WorkKeys Spring: 23 (Mon)
ACCESS: 23 (Mon)

MARCH 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12 Q3	13 ☒
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30 ○	31 ○			

ACT Test Window 1: 2–6 (Mon–Fri)
CCRAA Gr11 Window 1: 2–6 (Mon–Fri)
WorkKeys Spring: 2–6 (Mon–Fri)
ACCESS: 2–6 (Mon–Fri)
ACT Test Window 2: 9–13 (Mon–Fri); 16–20 (Mon–Fri)
CCRAA Gr11 Window 2: 9–13 (Mon–Fri); 16–20 (Mon–Fri)
WorkKeys Spring: 9–13 (Mon–Fri); 16–20 (Mon–Fri)
ACCESS: 9–13 (Mon–Fri)
ACT Test Window 3: 24–27 (Tue–Fri)
CCRAA Gr11 Window 3: 24–27 (Tue–Fri)
WorkKeys Spring: 23–27 (Mon–Fri)

APRIL 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1 ○	2 ○	3 ▲
6 ☒	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

MAY 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22 Q4
25 ▲	26 ☒	27 ☐	28	29

EOC Block: 18–22 (Mon–Fri)
CDM: 18–22 (Mon–Fri)

JUNE 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

☐ Workday ☒ Mandated Workday
○ Vacation ▲ Holiday

The district's testing calendar must adhere to the North Carolina Testing Program Operational Calendar.

For a brief explanation of each test, please refer to page 2

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Test Date:	Abbreviation:	Explanation:
September 24 – 30 **December 15 - 19** **May 18 - 22**	**CDM**	**Credit by Demonstrated Mastery** *A process by which Guilford County Schools, based upon a body-of-evidence, awards a student credit in a course without requiring the student to complete classroom instruction for a certain amount of seat time.*
October 13 – November 20	**PreACT®**	**Preliminary ACT** *This test simulates the ACT® testing experience on all four subjects of the ACT® Test: English, math, reading, and science. The results on this test predict future success on the ACT®. In North Carolina, students enrolled in the tenth grade, who are following a course of study that, upon graduation, will lead to admission into a college-level course of study resulting in a college degree, take the PreACT™.*
October 13 – November 20	**CCRAA at 10**	**College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment at Grade 10** *Available to students who have an Individual Education Program (IEP) that are following a course of study that, upon graduation, may not lead to admission into a college-level course of study resulting in a college degree. In North Carolina, the CCRAA at Grade 10 is the state-developed, alternate assessment for the PreACT™.*
October 20 – December 5 **and** **February 17 – March 27**	**WorkKeys**	**The ACT WorkKeys™** *This test is a standardized skills assessment designed to measure career readiness. In North Carolina, seniors who are identified as Career Technical Education (CTE) concentrators take the ACT® WorkKeys.*
December 15 - 19 **and** **May 18 - 22**	**EOC Block**	**End-of-Course** *All students enrolled in Biology, English II, and/or NC Math I are expected to participate in the appropriate End-of-Course assessment.*
January 13 – March 13	**ACCESS**	**ACCESS for ELLs 2.0®** *During the annual English language proficiency testing window, all students identified as English Learner (EL) students, must be administered this test, or the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs®. In Guilford County Schools, this test is coordinated by the district's English as a Second Language (ESL) Department.*
February 24 – March 6 **Test Window 1** **(Accom Window 1)** **Main** **March 10 – 20** **Test Window 2** **(Accom Window 2)** **Makeups** **March 24 – 27** **Test Window 3** **(Accom Window 3)** **Makeups**	**ACT®**	**The ACT® Test** *A standardized test, for high school students, administered by ACT designed to measure college readiness. In North Carolina, students enrolled in the eleventh grade, who are following a course of study that, upon graduation, will lead to admission into a college-level course of study resulting in a college degree, take The ACT® Test.*
February 24 – March 6 **(Accom Window 1)** **March 10 – 20** **(Accom Makeup Window 2)** **March 24 – 27 (Accom Makeup Window 3)**	**CCRAA at 11**	**College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment at Grade 11** *Available to students who have an Individual Education Program (IEP) that are following a course of study that, upon graduation, may not lead to admission into a college-level course of study resulting in a college degree. In North Carolina, the CCRAA at Grade 11 is the state-developed, alternate assessment for The ACT®. Students approved for ACT® accommodations test during the ACT® Accommodations window.*