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There is no finish line.

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Dear Parents or Legal Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that your student will be taking mandatory testing across the district and state this school year, as reflected in the accompanying calendar, which is also posted online on CFES.onslow.k12.nc.us.

According to 16 N.C. Admin Code 06d.0307-Administration of Testing in Public Schools, "(g) LEAs shall, at the beginning of each school year, provide information to students and parents or guardians informing them of the district- and state-mandated tests that students will be required to take during that school year. In addition, LEAs will inform students and parents/guardians of the dates when testing will be administered and how test results will be used. In addition, the information provided to parents should include whether the State Board of Education or local board of education requires the test(s). (h) LEAs shall report the results of the administration of the State-mandated tests of the Annual Testing Program to students and parents/guardians no later than 30 days after the test is administered and together with available score interpretation information within 30 days of receipt of scores and interpretive documentation from NCDPI.

North Carolina Administrative Code 06G.0315 requires all public school students in membership (i.e., enrolled in a school) in grades 3 through 8 and high school courses that require an end-of-course evaluation, to participate in the Annual Testing Program. North Carolina does not allow any student to opt out of required state testing. The only exceptions granted are for a limited number of students who meet certain eligibility requirements or have extenuating circumstances related to a significant emergency or medical condition and are unable to participate in a specific test administration.

NC. Administrative code 06D.0309 requires schools to "use the results of all EOCs as a minimum of 20 percent of the student's final grade for each respective course." As such, a student's grade for these courses and the overall calculation of grade point average can be negatively affected if the required state tests are not taken at the end of the course.

Sincerely

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Over: 1) State assessments, diagnostics, and benchmark schedule
2) Obtaining Individual Student Reports (ISRs)