



August, 2026

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This letter is to inform you that your student will participate in district-wide and state-mandated assessments during the school year, as outlined on the Testing Calendar available on the district website under the **Testing and Accountability** Department page. Information about each state-required assessment, including its purpose and how the results are used, is also available on the district website.

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

NC Admin. Code 06G.0315 requires all public school students in membership (i.e. enrolled in school) in grades 3 through 8 and high school courses requiring end-of-course assessment, 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 primarily related to a significant medical emergency or condition and are unable to participate in specific test administration.

NC Admin. Code 06D.0309 requires schools to use end-of-course tests as "at minimum of twenty percent of the student's final grade for each respective course." As such, a student's grade for these courses and overall grade-point-average calculation may be negatively impacted for not taking the required end-of-course state tests. Schools have the flexibility to use end of grade scores as necessary.

Within 30 days of each state-mandated assessment, an Individual Student Report (ISR) will be available through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If you have questions about your child's report or need assistance accessing the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please contact your child's school.

If you would like additional information about your child's performance on any of the assessments, please contact your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Evans", written in a cursive style.

PSU Testing Coordinator, HCS