

# GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS

## 2026-2027 ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS STATE TESTING CALENDAR

AUGUST 2026

| MON                                      | TUE                                | WED | THU | FRI |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 3                                        | 4<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Day<br>Ext Yr | 5   | 6   | 7   |
| 10<br>☒ EY Only                          | 11                                 | 12  | 13  | 14  |
| 17                                       | 18                                 | 19  | 20  | 21  |
| BOG: Extended Year Schools               |                                    |     |     |     |
| 24<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Day<br>Traditional | 25                                 | 26  | 27  | 28  |
| 31                                       |                                    |     |     |     |

SEPTEMBER 2026

| MON     | TUE | WED | THU | FRI |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|         | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   |
| 7<br>▲  | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  |
| 14      | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  |
| 21<br>□ | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  |
| 28      | 29  | 30  |     |     |
| RtA-4   |     |     |     |     |

OCTOBER 2026

| MON | TUE | WED | THU   | FRI |
|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
|     |     |     | 1     | 2   |
|     |     |     | RtA-4 |     |
| 5   | 6   | 7   | 8     | 9   |
| 12  | 13  | 14  | 15    | 16  |
| 19  | 20  | 21  | 22    | 23  |
| 26  | 27  | 28  | 29    | 30  |
|     |     |     | Q1    | □   |

NOVEMBER 2026

| MON | TUE    | WED     | THU     | FRI     |
|-----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2   | 3<br>☒ | 4       | 5       | 6       |
| 9   | 10     | 11<br>▲ | 12      | 13      |
| 16  | 17     | 18      | 19      | 20      |
| 23  | 24     | 25<br>□ | 26<br>▲ | 27<br>▲ |
| 30  |        |         |         |         |

DECEMBER 2026

| MON     | TUE     | WED     | THU     | FRI     |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|         | 1       | 2       | 3       | 4       |
| 7       | 8       | 9       | 10      | 11      |
| 14      | 15      | 16      | 17      | 18      |
| 22<br>○ | 23<br>○ | 24<br>○ | 25<br>▲ | 26<br>▲ |
| 28<br>▲ | 29<br>○ | 30<br>○ | 31<br>○ |         |

JANUARY 2027

| MON         | TUE | WED | THU | FRI       |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
|             |     |     |     | 1<br>▲    |
| 4<br>□      | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8         |
| 11          | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15<br>EOC |
| WIDA ACCESS |     |     |     |           |
| 18<br>▲     | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22<br>Q2  |
| EOC         |     |     |     |           |
| WIDA ACCESS |     |     |     |           |
| 25<br>☒     | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29        |
| WIDA ACCESS |     |     |     |           |

FEBRUARY 2027

| MON         | TUE | WED | THU | FRI             |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|
| 1           | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5               |
| WIDA ACCESS |     |     |     |                 |
| 8           | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12<br>□ EY Only |
| WIDA ACCESS |     |     |     |                 |
| 15<br>☒     | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19              |
| WIDA ACCESS |     |     |     |                 |
| 22          | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26              |
| WIDA ACCESS |     |     |     |                 |
|             |     |     |     |                 |

MARCH 2027

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

APRIL 2027

| MON    | TUE | WED | THU | FRI     |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|---------|
|        |     |     | 1   | 2<br>Q3 |
| 5<br>☒ | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9       |
| 12     | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16      |
| 19     | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23      |
| 26     | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30      |

MAY 2027

| MON     | TUE | WED | THU                   | FRI           |
|---------|-----|-----|-----------------------|---------------|
| 3       | 4   | 5   | 6                     | 7             |
| 10      | 11  | 12  | 13                    | 14            |
| 17      | 18  | 19  | 20                    | 21            |
| 24      | 25  | 26  | 27<br>NCExt 1 Grs 3-8 | 28<br>EOG/EOC |
| 31<br>▲ |     |     |                       |               |

JUNE 2027

| MON | TUE                   | WED | THU      | FRI     |
|-----|-----------------------|-----|----------|---------|
|     | 1                     | 2   | 3        | 4       |
|     | NCExtend 1 Grades 3-8 |     |          |         |
|     | EOG/EOC               |     |          |         |
| 7   | 8                     | 9   | 10<br>Q4 | 11<br>☒ |
|     | NCExtend 1 Grades 3-8 |     |          |         |
|     | EOG/EOC               |     |          |         |
| 14  | 15                    | 16  | 17       | 18      |
| 21  | 22                    | 23  | 24       | 25      |
| 28  | 29                    |     |          |         |

☐ 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

**GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
**2026-2027 ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS STATE TEST CALENDAR**

| Test Date:                                                                         | Abbreviation:               | Explanation:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Within 30 days of Enrollment</b>                                                | <b>WIDA™</b>                | <b>WIDA Screener</b><br><i>These assessments are the state instruments for identification of English Learner (EL) students. In Guilford County Schools, these tests are coordinated by the district's English as a Second Language (ESL) Department.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Extended Year:<br><b>August 17-21</b><br><br>Traditional:<br><b>September 8-11</b> | <b>BOG3</b>                 | <b>Beginning-of-Grade 3 English Language Arts/Reading Test</b><br><i>This test is a part of the North Carolina Read to Achieve Program.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>September 28 - October 2</b>                                                    | <b>RtA (4<sup>th</sup>)</b> | <b>Read to Achieve (Grade 4 Transitional Students Only)</b><br><i>This test is a part of the North Carolina Read to Achieve Program. In the Fall, this assessment is administered to fourth grade students who have not met the third grade reading proficiency standards set forth in the Read to Achieve legislation.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Fall:<br/>January 15 - 22</b>                                                   | <b>EOC</b>                  | <b>End-of-Course for Middle School Students in Semester Long Course</b><br><i>All students enrolled in Biology, English II, NC Math I and/or NC Math III are expected to participate in the appropriate End-of-Course assessment.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>January 11 – February 26</b>                                                    | <b>ACCESS</b>               | <b>ACCESS for ELLs 2.0®</b><br><i>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.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Not scheduled for 2026-2027</b>                                                 | <b>NAEP</b>                 | <b>National Assessment of Educational Progress</b><br><i>NAEP produces the Nation's Report Card to inform the public about the academic achievement of elementary and secondary students in the United States. Assessments are most frequently conducted in mathematics, reading and science. Writing, the arts, civics, economics, geography, U.S. history and special studies such as Technology and Engineering Literacy (TEL), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) and International Computer and Information Literacy Study (ICILS) are also assessed. Randomly selected schools' 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders participate.</i> |
| <b>May 27 – June 10</b>                                                            | <b>EOG</b>                  | <b>End-of-Grade Assessments for English Language Arts/Reading, Math and Science</b><br><i>All students in membership at grades 3 – 8 are expected to participate in the EOG Assessments for English Language Arts/Reading (ELA) and Math. All students in membership at grades 5 and 8 are expected to participate in the End-of-Grade Assessments for Science</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>May 27- June 1</b>                                                              | <b>EOG<br/>Grade 3 ELA</b>  | <b>3rd Grade End-of-Grade Assessments for English Language Arts/Reading</b><br><i>In order for schools to prepare for the Spring retesting and for the district to get timely RtA data, the EOG for ELA must be administered to third graders in the first 3 days of the testing window.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>May 27 – June 10</b>                                                            | <b>EOC</b>                  | <b>End-of-Course</b><br><i>All students enrolled in Biology, English II, NC Math I and/or NC Math III are expected to participate in the appropriate End-of-Course assessment.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>May 27 – June 10</b>                                                            | <b>EXT 1</b>                | <b>NCEXTEND1</b><br><i>This test is designed for students who have a significant cognitive disability as documented in the student's Individual Education Program (IEP). At grades 3 – 8 and 10, this test serves as an alternate assessment to the End-of-Grade and End-of-Course assessments. In North Carolina, at grade 11, this test serves as the state-developed, alternate assessment to The ACT® Test.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Scheduled during the summer after Reading Camp</b>                              | <b>RtA (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b> | <b>Read to Achieve (Grade 3 Only)</b><br><i>This test is a part of the North Carolina Read to Achieve Program. In the Summer, this assessment is administered to third grade students who have not met the third grade reading proficiency standards set forth in the Read to Achieve legislation.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |