

GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS

2026-2027 HIGH SCHOOL STATE TESTING CALENDAR

AUGUST 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
☒	☒	☒	☒	☐
24 1 st Day	25	26	27	28
31				

SEPTEMBER 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1	2	3	4
7 ▲	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
	CDM			
21	22	23	24	25
☐	CDM			
28	29	30		

OCTOBER 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
WorkKeys Fall				
12	13	14	15	16
PreACT				
CCRAA Grade 10				
WorkKeys Fall				
19	20	21	22	23
PreACT				
CCRAA Grade 10				
WorkKeys Fall				
26	27	28	29 Q1	30
PreACT				☐
CCRAA Grade 10				
WorkKeys Fall				

NOVEMBER 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
PreACT	☒	PreACT		
CCRAA Gr 10		CCRAA Grade 10		
WorkKeys Fall		WorkKeys Fall		
9	10	11	12	13
PreACT		▲	PreACT	
CCRAA Grade 10			CCRAA Grade 10	
WorkKeys Fall			WorkKeys Fall	
16	17	18	19	20
PreACT				
CCRAA Grade 10				
23	24	25	26	27
		☐	▲	▲
30				

DECEMBER 2026

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

JANUARY 2027

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
				1 ▲
4 □	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15 EOC Block/CDM
WIDA ACCESS				
18 ▲	19	20	21	22 Q2
	EOC Block/CDM			
	WIDA ACCESS			
25 ☒	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
WIDA ACCESS				
15	16	17	18	19
☒	WIDA ACCESS			
22	23	24	25	26
	ACT Test Window 1			
	CCRAA Gr 11/EXT 1 Gr 11 W1			
	WorkKeys Spring			
	WIDA ACCESS			

MARCH 2027

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
ACT Test Window 1				
CCRAA Gr 11/EXT 1 Gr 11 W1				
WorkKeys Spring				
8	9	10	11	12
	ACT Test Window 2			
	CCRAA Gr 11/EXT 1 Gr 11 W2			
	WorkKeys Spring			
15	16	17	18	19
ACT Test Window 2				
CCRAA Gr 11/EXT 1 Gr 11 W2				
WorkKeys Spring				
22	23	24	25	26
○	○	○	○	▲
29	30	31		
WorkKeys Spring				

APRIL 2027

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1	2 Q3
			WorkKeys Spring	
5	6	7	8	9
☒	ACT Test Window 3			
	CCRAA Gr 11/EXT 1 Gr 11 W3			
12	13	14	15	16
ACT Test Window 3				
CCRAA Gr 11/EXT 1 Gr 11 W3				
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	28
			EOC Yearlong and CDM	
			Ext 1 (10) M1, Eng 2, Bio	
31	▲			

JUNE 2027

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1	2	3	4
	EOC Yearlong and CDM			
	Extend 1 (10) M1, Eng 2, Bio			
				EOC Block/CDM
7	8	9	10 Q4	11
EOC Yearlong and CDM				
Extend 1 (10) M1, Eng 2, Bio				
EOC Block/CDM				
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

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Test Date:	Abbreviation:	Explanation:
September 15 – 24 January 15 – 22 June 4 – June 10 Block May 27 – June 10 Trad.	CDM	Credit by Demonstrated Mastery <i>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.</i>
October 12 – November 20	PreACT®	Preliminary ACT <i>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™.</i>
October 12 – November 20	CCRAA at 10	College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment at Grade 10 <i>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™.</i>
October 5 – November 13 and February 22 – April 2	WorkKeys	The ACT WorkKeys™ <i>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.</i>
January 15 – 22 and June 4 – 10	EOC Block	End-of-Course <i>All students enrolled in Biology, English II, and/or NC Math I are expected to participate in the appropriate End-of-Course assessment.</i>
January 11 – February 26	ACCESS	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0® <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>
February 23 – 26 and March 1 - 5 Test Window 1 (Accom Window 1) Main March 9 – 12 and March 15 - 19 Test Window 2 (Accom Window 2) Makeups April 6 – 9 and April 12 - 16 Test Window 3 (Accom Window 3) Makeups	ACT®	The ACT® Test <i>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.</i>
February 23 – 26 and March 1 - 5 (Accom Window 1) March 9 – 12 and March 15 - 19 (Accom Makeup Window 2) April 6 – 9 and April 12 - 16 (Accom Makeup Window 3)	CCRAA at 11 and EX1 at 11	College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment at Grade 11 and NCEXTEND1 at Grade 11 <i>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. In North Carolina, the NCExtend 1 Grade 11 serves as the state-developed ACT alternate assessment for students who have a significant cognitive disability as documented in the student's IEP.</i>
May 27 – June 10	EOC Yearlong	End-of-Course <i>All students enrolled in Biology, English II, and/or NC Math I are expected to participate in the appropriate End-of-Course assessment.</i>
May 27 – June 10	EX1	NCEXTEND1 <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>