

GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS

2026-2027 EMC AND ACADEMIES STATE TESTING CALENDAR A

Academy at Smith; Kearns; GTCC Greensboro, High Point, Jamestown; A&T Four MC; STEM EC at A&T

AUGUST 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3 ☒	4 ☒	5 ☒	6 1 st Day	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20 ☒	21
24	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 Q1
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	30 □
PreACT				
CCRAA Grade 10				
WorkKeys Fall				

NOVEMBER 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2 PreACT CCRAA Gr 10 WorkKeys Fall	3 ☒	4	5 PreACT CCRAA Grade 10 WorkKeys Fall	6
9 PreACT CCRAA Grade 10 WorkKeys Fall	10	11 ▲	12 PreACT CCRAA Grade 10 WorkKeys Fall	13
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 Q2
EOC Block CDM				
22 ○	23 ○	24 ○	25 ▲	26 ▲
28 ▲	29 ○	30 ○	31 ○	

JANUARY 2027

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
				1 ▲
4 □	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
WIDA ACCESS				
18 ▲	19	20	21	22
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 Window 1 WorkKeys Spring				
WIDA ACCESS				

MARCH 2027

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
ACT Test Window 1 CCRAA Gr 11 Window 1 WorkKeys Spring				
8	9	10	11	12
ACT Test Window 2 CCRAA Gr 11 Window 2 WorkKeys Spring				
15	16	17	18 Q3	19
ACT Test Window 2 CCRAA Gr 11 Window 2 WorkKeys Spring				
22 ○	23 ○	24 ○	25 ○	26 ▲
29	30	31		
WorkKeys Spring				

APRIL 2027

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1	2
			WorkKeys Spring	
5	6	7	8	9
ACT Test Window 3 CCRAA Gr 11 Window 3				
12	13	14	15	16
ACT Test Window 3 CCRAA Gr 11 Window 3				
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
EOC Block CDM				
24	25	26 Q4	27 ☒	28
EOC Block CDM				
31 ▲				

JUNE 2027

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

□ Workday
○ Vacation
☒ Mandated Workday
▲ 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 December 14 - 18 May 20 - 26	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>
December 14 - 18 and May 20 - 26	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 - 18 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 - 18 (Accom Makeup Window 2) April 6 - 9 and April 12 - 16 (Accom Makeup Window 3)	CCRAA at 11	College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment 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.</i>