

Gaston County Schools
2026-2027 Test Administration Dates for State-Mandated Tests and Local Assessments

Test	Grades	Administration Dates	Assessment Type	Platform
WIDA Screener Placement Test	K-12	Aug. 12, 2026-May 26, 2027	State-Mandated	DRC Insight
mClass BOY Reading Benchmark Assessment	K-5	Aug. 19-Sept. 09, 2026	State-Mandated	Amplify
iReady Math Beginning-of-Year Assessment	Grades 1-5	Aug.19-Sept. 11, 2026	Local Assessment	iReady.com
Beginning of Grade 3 (BOG3) Reading Test	Grade 3	August 26, 2026	State-Mandated	NCTest
NC Math 1 Interim Assessment #1 (Fall Semester)	Grades 9-12	September 14, 2026	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
English II NC Check-In: A (Fall Semester)	Grades 9-12	Sept. 14-15 & 17, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Early Learning Inventory (ELI) Preliminary Rating	Kindergarten	September 18, 2026	State-Mandated	TC Gold
Grade 4 Math Interim Assessment #1	Grade 4	September 22, 2026	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
Credit By Demonstrated Mastery (CDM): September	Grades 9-12	September 22, 2026	State-Mandated	NCTest
Grades6-8 Reading Interim Assessment #1	Grades 6-8	Sept. 22-23, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-In: Biology-Molecules to Organisms (Fall)	Grades 9-12	Sept. 24-25, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
Grade 5 Math Interim Assessment #1	Grade 5	September 25, 2026	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
Grades 6-8 Math Interim Assessment #1	Grades 6-8	September 25, 2026	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
NC Math 1 Interim Assessment #1	Grade 8	September 25, 2026	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
Grade 5 Science Interim Assessment #1	Grade 5	October 6, 2026	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
NC Check-Ins 2.0 Reading-A	Grades 3-5	Oct. 8-9, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
PSAT/NMSQT	Grades 10 & 11	October 13, 2026	Local Assessment	Bluebook
NC Check-In: NC Math 1-A (Fall Semester)	Grades 9-12	Oct. 13-14, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-In: NC Math 3-A (Fall Semester)	Grades 9-12	Oct. 13-14, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest

Grade 3 Math Interim Assessment #1	Grade 3	October 14, 2026	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
NC Check-In: Physical Science (Yearlong)	Grade 8	Oct. 14-15, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
ACT WorkKeys (Fall Semester)	Grade 12	Oct. 19-30, 2026	State-Mandated	ACT Online
Credit By Demonstrated Mastery (CDM): September	Grades 9-12	October 20, 2026	State-Mandated	NCTest
Read to Achieve (RtA) Test for Transitional 4th Graders	Grade 4	October 21, 2026	State-Mandated	NCTest
NC Check-In: Biology-Hereditry (Fall Semester)	Grades 9-12	Oct. 26-27, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
Grade 5 Math Interim Assessment #2	Grade 5	November 5, 2026	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
NC Math 1 Interim Assessment #2 (Fall Semester)	Grades 9-12	November 9, 2026	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
PreACT	Grade 10	Nov.9-20, 2026	State-Mandated	ACT Online
CCRAA for Grade 10	Grade 10	Nov.9-20, 2026	State-Mandated	ACT Online
Grade 4 Math Interim Assessment #2	Grade 4	November 10, 2026	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
Math Interim Assessment #2	Grades 6 & 8	November 10, 2026	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
NC Math 1 (MS) Math Interim Assessment #2	Grade 8	November 10, 2026	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
Grade 7 Math Interim Assessment #2	Grade 7	November 12, 2026	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
NC Check-In: Biology-Evolutionary Biology (Fall Semester)	Grades 9-12	Nov. 18-19, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-In: Biology-Ecosystems (Fall Semester)	Grades 9-12	Nov. 19-20, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
English II NC Check-In: B (Fall Semester)	Grades 9-12	Nov. 19-20, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Early Learning Inventory (ELI) Final Rating	Kindergarten	November 20, 2026	State-Mandated	TC Gold
Grade 5 Science Interim Assessment #2	Grade 5	November 20, 2026	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
NC Check-Ins 2.0 Mathematics-A	Grade 3	Nov. 23-24, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-In: NC Math 1-B	Grades 9-12	Nov. 23-24, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-In: NC Math 3-B	Grades 9-12	Nov. 23-24, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest

NC Check-Ins 2.0 Reading-B	Grades 3-5	Dec. 10-11, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
Grades 6-8 Reading Interim Assessment #2	Grades 6-8	Dec. 14-15, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
End-of-Course Testing (Biology, English II, NC Math 1, & NC Math 3) for Fall Semester [traditional high schools and early colleges]	Grades 9-12	Dec. 14-18, 2026	State-Mandated	NCTest
NC Check-Ins 2.0 Mathematics-B	Grade 5	Dec. 15-16, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-Ins 2.0 Mathematics-A	Grades 6 & 7	Dec. 16-17, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-Ins 2.0 Mathematics-B	Grade 8	Dec. 16-17, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Math 1 (MS) NC Check-In-A	Grade 8	Dec. 16-17, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
Grade 3 Math Interim Assessment #2	Grade 3	December 17, 2026	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
NC Check-Ins 2.0 Mathematics-A	Grade 4	Dec. 17-18, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-In: Life Science	Grade 5	Dec. 17-18, 2026	Local Assessment	NCTest
iReady Math Middle-of-Year Assessment	Grades 1-5	Jan. 6-22, 2027	Local Assessment	iReady.com
mClass MOY Reading Benchmark Assessment	K-5	Jan. 6-27, 2027	State-Mandated	Amplify
WIDA ACCESS	K-12	Jan. 11-March 11, 2027	State-Mandated	DRC Insight
NC Check-In: Life Science (Yearlong)	Grade 8	Jan. 21-22, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-Ins 2.0 Mathematics-B	Grade 3	Jan. 26-27, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
Grade 5 Science Interim #3	Grade 5	January 29, 2027	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
NC Check-Ins 2.0 Mathematics-B	Grade 4	Feb. 4-5, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-In: Physical Science (Semester)	Grade 8	Feb. 4-5, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
Grade 6 Math Interim Assessment #3	Grade 6	February 8, 2027	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
English II NC Check-In: A (Spring Semester)	Grades 9-12	Feb. 8-9 & 11, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
Grade 7 Math Interim Assessment #3	Grade 7	February 9, 2027	Local Assessment	SchoolNet

NC Math 1 Interim Assessment #1 (Spring Semester)	Grades 9-12	February 12, 2027	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
Math Interim Assessment #3	Grade 8	February 12, 2027	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
NC Math 1 (MS) Math Interim Assessment #3	Grade 8	February 12, 2027	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
PreACT 8/9	Grade 8	Feb. 16-19, 2027	Local Assessment	ACT Online
NC Check-In: Biology-Molecules to Organisms (Spring)	Grades 9-12	Feb. 18-19, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
Grade 5 Mathematics Interim Assessment #3	Grade 5	February 19, 2027	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
Kindergarten Math MOY Assessment	Kindergarten	Feb. 22-March 5, 2027	State-Mandated	Digital Platform
ACT	Grade 11	Feb. 23-March 5, 2027	State-Mandated	ACT Online
CCRAA for Grade 11 (alternate ACT)	Grade 11	Feb. 23-March 5, 2027	State-Mandated	ACT Online
NCEXTEND1 for Grade 11 (alternate ACT)	Grade 11	Feb. 23-March 5, 2027	State-Mandated	ACT Online
NC Check-Ins: Physical Science	Grade 5	Feb. 25-26, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
Grade 3 Math Interim Assessment #3	Grade 3	March 5, 2027	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
NC Check-Ins 2.0 Mathematics-C	Grade 4	March 9-10, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Math 1 (MS) NC Check-In-B	Grade 8	March 15-16, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
Grades 6-8 Math Interim Assessment #4	Grades 6-8	March 16, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-In: NC Math 1-A (Spring Semester)	Grades 9-12	March 15-16, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-In: NC Math 3-A (Spring Semester)	Grades 9-12	March 15-16, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
CogAT	Grade 2	March 15-25, 2027	Local Assessment	Riverside Insight
ACT WorkKeys (Spring)	Grade 12	March 15-25, 2027	State-Mandated	ACT Online
Credit By Demonstrated Mastery (CDM): March	Grades 9-12	March 16, 2027	State-Mandated	NCTest
NC Check-In Life Science (Semester)	Grade 8	March 17-18, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-Ins 2.0 Reading-C	Grades 3-5	March 18-19, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest

NC Check-In: Biology-Hereditry (Spring Semester)	Grades 9-12	March 22-23, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-Ins 2.0 Mathematics-A	Grade 5	March 23-24, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-Ins 2.0 Reading-C	Grades 6-8	March 23-24, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-Ins 2.0 Mathematics-C	Grade 3	March 24-25, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-In Earth Science	Grade 5	March 24-25, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
Grade 4 Math Interim Assessment #3	Grade 4	April 15, 2027	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
NC Math 1 Interim Assessment #2 (Spring Semester)	Grades 9-12	April 16, 2027	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
Grade 8 Math Interim Assessment #5	Grade 8	April 21, 2027	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
NC Math 1 (MS) Interim Assessment #4	Grade 8	April 21, 2027	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
English II NC Check-In: B (Spring Semester)	Grades 9-12	April 22-23, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-In Earth Science (Yearlong)	Grade 8	April 22-23, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
mClass EOY Reading Benchmark Assessment	K-5	April 22-May 11, 2027	State-Mandated	Amplify
Grade 7 Math Interim Assessment #5	Grade 7	April 23, 2027	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
NC Check-In: Biology-Evolutionary Biology (Spring Semester)	Grades 9-12	April 26-27, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
Grade 6 Math Interim Assessment #5	Grade 6	April 27, 2027	Local Assessment	SchoolNet
NC Check-In: Biology-Ecosystems (Spring Semester)	Grades 9-12	April 27-28, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-Ins NC Math 1-B (Spring Semester)	Grades 9-12	April 29-30, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-Ins NC Math 3-B (Spring Semester)	Grades 9-12	April 29-30, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-Ins Earth Science (Semester)	Grade 8	May 3-4, 2027	Local Assessment	NCTest
K-2 Math Summative	K-2	May 5-25, 2027	State-Mandated	Digital Platform
End-of-Grade Tests (Reading and Math)	Grades 3-8	May 13-26, 2027	State-Mandated	NCTest
End-of-Grade Tests (Science)	Grades 5 & 8	May 13-26, 2027	State-Mandated	NCTest

NCEXTEND1	Grades 3-8 & 10	May 13-26, 2027	State-Mandated	NCTest
End-of-Course Testing (Biology, English II, NC Math 1, & NC Math 3) for Spring Semester [Early Colleges] **	Grades 9-12	May 17-21, 2027	State-Mandated	NCTest
Grade 3 EOG Reading Retest	Grade 3	May 17-26, 2027	State-Mandated	NCTest
End-of-Course Testing (Biology, English II, NC Math 1, & NC Math 3) for Spring Semester [Traditional High Schools] **	Grades 9-12	May 20-26, 2027	State-Mandated	NCTest
Read to Achieve Test (Summer Reading Camp)	Grade 3	June 23-24, 2027	State-Mandated	NCTest

Notes	** <i>= Final exam schedules to be determined by GCS Board of Education</i>
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