

2026-27 UCPS Testing Calendar – State Assessments

District-Wide Assessments	Grade	Date(s) Administered
WIDA Screener for Kindergarten	K	30 calendar days from enrollment
WIDA Screener	1 - 12	30 calendar days from enrollment
WIDA ACCESS for ELLs	K - 12	January 11 – March 12
CogAT	3 & 6	March 15 – March 19
Elementary School Assessments		
Beginning of Grade 3 (BOG3) ELA/Reading Test	3	September 1 – September 3
Read to Achieve (RTA) Fall Assessment	4	October 14
End of Grade (EOG) Reading	3 - 5	May 21 – June 4
End of Grade (EOG) Math	3 - 5	May 21 – June 4
End of Grade (EOG) Science	5	May 21 – June 4
NCEXTEND1 Reading / Math / Science	3 - 5	May 21 – June 4
Read to Achieve (RTA)	3	May 24 – June 4
Middle School Assessments		
End of Grade (EOG) Reading	6 - 8	May 21 – June 4
End of Grade (EOG) Math	6 - 8	May 21 – June 4
NC Math I (EOC) Grades 6 - 8	6 - 8	May 21 – June 4
End of Grade (EOG) Science	8	May 21 – June 4
NCEXTEND1 Reading / Math / Science	6 - 8	May 21 – June 4
High School Assessments		
Pre-ACT – Online Administration	10	October 12 – October 30
Pre-ACT Alternate Assessment - CCRAA		
PSAT/NMSQT	11	October 19 – October 30
ACT WorkKeys - Fall Administration	12	October 19 – November 13
Fall End of Course (EOC) Exams - UC Early College	9 - 12	December 10 – December 16
Fall End of Course (EOC) Exams - Traditional High Schools	9 - 12	January 8 – January 14
ACT WorkKeys - Spring Administration	12	February 22 – April 2
ACT – Online Administration	11	Window 1: February 23 – March 5
ACT Alternate Assessments - NCEXTEND 1 - CCRAA		Window 2: March 9 – March 19
		Window 3: April 6 – April 16
AP Exams	9 - 12	May 3 – May 14
Spring End of Course (EOC) Exams - UC Early College	9 - 12	May 14 – May 20
Spring End of Course (EOC) Exams - Traditional High Schools	9 - 12	May 28 – June 4
NCEXTEND1 Biology / English 2 / Math I	10	May 21 – June 4
Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM)	9 - 12	July 19 – July 30



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Parent's or Legal Guardian's Right to Know – Required Assessments

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Dear Parents and Legal Guardians

This letter is to inform you that your child will take districtwide and state-mandated assessments this school year as reflected on the district's testing calendars (i.e., *Testing Calendar – State Assessments* and *Testing Calendar – District Benchmark Assessments*), which are posted on the UCPS website near the link for this letter.

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 districtwide and state-mandated assessments 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 assessments will be administered.” This information can be found on the district testing calendars referenced above.

N.C. Admin. Code 06G .0315 requires all public-school students enrolled in grades 3 through 8 and students enrolled in certain high school courses (NC Math 1, NC Math 3, English 2, and Biology) take either an End-of-Grade (EOG) and/or End-of-Course (EOC) assessment as part of the NC Annual Testing Program. North Carolina does not allow any student to opt out of these required state assessments. The only exceptions granted are for a limited number of students who meet eligibility requirements related to a significant medical emergency or condition and are unable to participate in the assessment administration.

N.C. Admin Code 06D .0309 requires schools to, “use results from all EOCs as a minimum of 20 percent of the student’s final grade for the respective course.” Union County Board of Education policy requires schools to use the EOC as 25% of the final course grade. As such, the student’s grade for courses that require an EOC and overall high school grade point average (GPA) calculation may be negatively impacted by not taking a required EOC assessment.

If you have any questions about the districtwide and/or state-mandated assessments on the UCPS testing calendars, please contact your child’s principal or my office.

Sincerely,

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