

2026-27 UCPS Testing Calendar – District Benchmark Assessments

Elementary Schools	Grade	Window 1 / BOY		Window 2 / MOY		Window 3 / EOY	
i-Ready Math	K – 5	Aug 24 – Sep 18		Jan 11 – Jan 29		Apr 26 – May 14	
mClass – Reading, English	K – 5	Aug 31 – Sep 22		Jan 6 – Jan 28		Apr 29 – May 20	
mClass – Reading, Spanish DLI	K – 5						
NC Check-Ins 2.0: ELA/Reading	K – 5	Oct 29 – Nov 13		Jan 19 – Feb 1		Apr 7 – Apr 16	
NC Check-Ins 2.0: Math							
NC Check-Ins 2.0: Science							
Middle Schools	Grade	Window 1 / BOY		Window 2 / MOY		Window 3 / EOY	
i-Ready Reading	6 - 8	Aug 24 – Sep 18		Nov 14 – Jan 14		Apr 5 – May 7	
Renaissance Math							
NC Check-Ins 2.0: ELA/Reading	6 – 8	Oct 26 – Nov 6		Feb 1 – Feb 12		Apr 12 – Apr 23	
NC Check-Ins 2.0: Math	6 – 8	Nov 30 – Dec 11		Feb 16 – Feb 26		Apr 19 – Apr 29	
NC Check-Ins 2.0: Science	8 (yearlong)	<u>Physical</u> Oct 19 – Oct 30		<u>Life</u> Feb 1 – Feb 12		<u>Earth</u> Apr 5 – Apr 16	
	8 (fall/spr)	<u>Physical</u> Sep 22 – Oct 2	<u>Life</u> Nov 2 – Nov 13	<u>Earth</u> Jan 4 – Jan 15	<u>Physical</u> Feb 8 – Feb 19	<u>Life</u> Mar 22 – Apr 9	<u>Earth</u> May 3 – May 14
NC Check-Ins 2.0: NC Math 1	6-8	Nov 30 – Dec 11			Apr 19 – Apr 29		
High Schools	Grade	Window 1			Window 2		
-- <u>Fall Semester</u>							
NC Check-Ins 2.0: Biology	9 - 12	<u>Molecules</u> Sep 28 – Oct 9		<u>Ecosystems</u> Oct 19 – Oct 30	<u>Heredity</u> Nov 16 – Dec 4		<u>Evolution</u> Dec 7 – Dec 18
NC Check-Ins 2.0: English 2	9 - 12	Oct 5 – Oct 15			Nov 30 – Dec 11		
NC Check-Ins 2.0: NC Math 1	9 - 12	Oct 12 – Oct 23			Nov 30 – Dec 11		
NC Check-Ins 2.0: NC Math 3	9 - 12	Oct 12 – Oct 23			Nov 30 – Dec 11		
-- <u>Spring Semester</u>							
NC Check-Ins 2.0: Biology	9 - 12	<u>Molecules</u> Feb 22 – Mar 5		<u>Ecosystems</u> Mar 15 – Mar 25	<u>Heredity</u> Apr 19 – Apr 30		<u>Evolution</u> May 10 – May 21
NC Check-Ins 2.0: English 2	9 - 12	Feb 22 – Mar 5			Apr 19 – Apr 30		
NC Check-Ins 2.0: NC Math 1		Mar 8 – Mar 19			May 3 – May 14		
NC Check-Ins 2.0: NC Math 3		Mar 8 – Mar 19			May 3 – May 14		



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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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