



HCMS

Testing Information

Quick Highlights

State and District Testing Information

North Carolina requires all students in grades 6–8 to participate in the state’s Annual Testing Program. This includes end-of-grade (EOG) assessments in reading, math, and science, as well as any required district assessments. For middle school students taking high school–level courses, End-of-Course (EOC) exams must also be taken, and the results count as a percentage of the student’s final course grade.

By law, we must share the testing calendar, explain how results will be used, and report results to parents within 30 days of receiving them. The state does not allow students to opt out of testing, except in rare cases involving significant medical emergencies.

To support families, we will break down each test below, explaining what it measures and how the results are used to guide instruction and support student success.

HCMS Testing Calendar:



2026-2027 OCS Testing Calendar.pdf

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NC Check-Ins

Who Takes Them:

- **Reading (ELA):** All students in grades 6–8
- **Math:** All students in grades 6–8
- **Science:** All 8th-grade students

Required or Optional: *Optional*

What It Is and Why It Matters:

NC Check-Ins are short, interim assessments aligned to North Carolina grade-level standards. Because they use the same question bank as the End-of-Grade (EOG) and End-of-Course (EOC) tests, students get early practice with the same types of questions and rigor they'll see on those state tests.

How Results Are Used:

Results are available quickly and provide teachers, parents, and students with a clear picture of current performance. This helps teachers adjust instruction and provide targeted support before the EOGs and EOCs.

NCDPI End-Of-Grade (EOG) Assessments

[EOG assessments](#) are state-mandated tests that measure how well students have mastered North Carolina's grade-level standards. These assessments help ensure students are on track and provide valuable information to teachers, schools, and parents.

Who Takes Them:

- **Reading (ELA):** All students in grades 6–8
- **Math:** All students in grades 6–8 (except 8th graders enrolled in Math I)
- **Science:** All 8th-grade students

Why They Matter:

EOGs measure mastery of grade-level standards in reading, math, and science. They help determine whether students are ready for the next grade level and provide an important checkpoint for key academic skills.

How Results Are Used:

EOG scores are used by the state for school accountability and to inform teacher and principal evaluations (per State Board policy GCS-A-016). Schools also use the results to plan for improvement and provide targeted support to students.

NCDPI End-of-Course (EOC) Math Assessment

[EOC assessments](#) are state-mandated tests that measure how well students have mastered North Carolina's grade-level standards. These assessments help ensure students are on track and provide valuable information to teachers, schools, and parents.

Who Takes It: All students enrolled in Math I

Required or Optional: *Required by the state*

What It Is and Why It Matters:

The Math EOC is a state-mandated test that measures mastery of North Carolina's Common Core State Standards for Mathematics. It assesses students' understanding of key math concepts and their ability to apply these skills in real-world and academic contexts.

How Results Are Used:

EOC scores are used by the state for school accountability and to inform teacher and principal evaluations (per State Board policy GCS-A-016). Schools also use the results to guide improvement planning. For students, the EOC score counts as a percentage of the final course grade, making it an important part of their overall academic performance.

enVision Math Benchmarks

Who Takes It: All students in grades 6–8

Subject: Mathematics

Required or Optional: *Required as part of the curriculum*

What It Is and Why It Matters:

The enVision Math benchmarks are formative assessments given three times a year to measure students' understanding of the math concepts taught in class. Similar to NC Check-Ins, these assessments help students practice key skills and prepare for state tests by providing exposure to question types and rigor aligned to grade-level standards.

How Results Are Used:

Benchmark results give teachers, students, and parents immediate feedback on learning progress. Teachers use the data to guide instruction, provide targeted support, and ensure students are on track to meet grade-level expectations.

i-Ready Reading Benchmarks

Who Takes It: All students in grades 6–8

Subject: Reading

Required or Optional: *Required as part of the curriculum*

What It Is and Why It Matters:

The i-Ready Reading benchmarks are formative assessments given three times a year to measure students' understanding of the math concepts taught in class. Similar to NC Check-Ins, these assessments help students practice key skills and prepare for state tests by providing exposure to question types and rigor aligned to grade-level standards.

How Results Are Used:

Benchmark results give teachers, students, and parents immediate feedback on learning progress. Teachers use the data to guide instruction, provide targeted support, and ensure students are on track to meet grade-level expectations.

Individual Student Reports (ISRs)

Accessing Your Child's Assessment Results

Parents can view their student's state assessment scores—including NC Check-Ins, EOGs, and EOCs—through Individual Student Reports (ISRs) in Infinite Campus. ISRs are available on both the web and mobile app platforms.

To Access ISRs:

1. Log in to NCSIS via a web browser or the Campus Parent app.
2. Click *More* in the left-hand menu.
3. Select *Assessments* from the dropdown menu.
4. Click the link for *Information about North Carolina Individual Score Reports*.

On a phone, follow the same steps in the Campus Parent or Campus Student app.



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