

2026-27 Watauga County Schools Operational Testing Calendar

Adapted from the 2026-27 North Carolina Operational Testing Calendar

Updated 8/27/26

SEASON	GRADE LEVEL	TEST NAME	TEST WINDOW OR DATE	SPECIAL NOTES
A: BOY	3	Beginning-of-Grade 3 (BOG3) Reading Test	August 17 - September 4, 2026	First 15 days of the school year (days 1 through 15)
B: FALL	3	CogAT	October 6-8, 2026	A standardized assessment for students in G3 to measure cognitive abilities. **Also used for one-off assessments in later grades as needed.
B: FALL	4	RTA @ Grade 4	Late October or Early November	For G4 Reading Retained Students Only
B: FALL	10	CCRAA (Grade 10)	October 12 - November 20, 2026	*For 10th grade students eligible for a PreACT alternate assessment only
B: FALL	10	PreACT	October 12 - November 20, 2026 **October 29, 2026	*For 10th grade students only
C: WINTER	K-12	WIDA ACCESS	January 11 - March 12, 2027	ESL students
D: SPRING	11	ACT	W1: February 23-26 & March 1-5 W2: March 9-12 & March 15-19 W3: April 6-9 & April 12-16	Three available windows for online testing in 2027.
D: SPRING	11	CCRAA (Grade 11)	W1: February 23-26 & March 1-5 W2: March 9-12 & March 15-19 W3: April 6-9 & April 12-16	*For 11th grade students eligible for a ACT alternate assessment only
D: SPRING	11	NCEXTEND 1 (Alternate Assessment) for ACT	W1: February 23-26 & March 1-5 W2: March 9-12 & March 15-19 W3: April 6-9 & April 12-16	*For 11th grade students eligible for a ACT alternate assessment only
D: SPRING	9-12	Advanced Placement (AP) Exams	May 3-14, 2027	First two weeks in May
E: EOS (x2)	9-12	CTE Post Assessments (CTE PAs)	Fall: December 14-18, 2026 Spring: May 19-25, 2027 Year Long: May 12-25, 2027	Final 5 instructional days of a semester long course. Final 10 instructional days of a year-long course.
E: EOS (x2)	9-12	End-of-Course (EOC) Tests for Biology, English II, Math I, & Math 3	Fall: December 14-18, 2026 Spring: May 19-25, 2027 Year Long: May 12-25, 2027	*Also for students in Grades 6-8 taking an EOC eligible course* Final 5 instructional days of a semester long course. Final 10 instructional days of a year-long course.
F: EOY	3	Read-to-Achieve (RTA) Test	May 12-25, 2027	Final 10 instructional days of the school year; at conclusion of a summer reading camp
F: EOY	7	IOWA Algebra Aptitude Test	Last twenty-five(25) days of the school year	*For 7th grade and Pre-Math 1 students
F: EOY	10	NCEXTEND 1 (Alternate Assessment) for EOC	May 12-25, 2027	Final 10 instructional days of the school year
F: EOY	3-8	End-of-Grade (EOG) Tests for Reading & Math	May 12-25, 2027	Final 10 instructional days of the school year
F: EOY	3-8	NCEXTEND 1 (Alternate Assessment) for Reading & Math	May 12-25, 2027	Final 10 instructional days of the school year
F: EOY	3 & 5	End-of-Grade (EOG) Tests for Science	May 12-25, 2027	Final 10 instructional days of the school year
F: EOY	3 & 5	NCEXTEND 1 (Alternate Assessment) for Science	May 12-25, 2027	Final 10 instructional days of the school year
G: Multiple or All Year	3-8	NC Check-Ins for EOGs	TBD	**CI Team is working on our direction and options for interim assessments
G: Multiple or All Year	9-12	ACT WorkKeys	Fall: October 5 - November 13, 2026 Spring: February 22 - April 2, 2027	*For 12th grade concentrator students only; or concentrators on a path to graduate in that year.
G: Multiple or All Year	9-12	CDM	Summer: Fall: Spring:	
G: Multiple or All Year	9-12	Credit-By-Demonstrated Mastery (CDM) Phase 1 Assessments	Summer: Last two(2) weeks of July Fall: September 15-24, October 15-26, and last five(5) days of semester Spring: March 9-18 and last five(5) days of semester	*Also for Grades 6-8 for high school courses offered in middle school*
G: Multiple or All Year	9-12	NC Check-Ins for EOCs	Fall: September - November Spring: February - April	
G: Multiple or All Year	K-12	WIDA Alternate Screener	Initial assessment is required within thirty(30) days of enrollment	Alternate initial assessment administered to eligible students
G: Multiple or All Year	K-12	WIDA Screener	Initial assessment is required within thirty(30) days of enrollment	ESL students
G: Multiple or All Year	K-3	mClass Dibels for Reading	BOY: August 25 - September 15 MOY: January 5 - January 26 EOY: April 21 - May 11	This is a state allowed window.
G: Multiple or All Year	K-8	AIMSWEB Supplemental Screener for Reading & Math	BOY: August 17 - October 16 MOY: January 5 - January 26 EOY: April 21 - May 11	
G: Multiple or All Year	K-8	IREADY Diagnostic Screener for Reading & Math	BOY: August 25 - September 15 MOY: January 5 - January 26 EOY: April 21 - May 11	**This window is different from the past. We need to stick to this window to allow for enough time/instruction to show progress.