

2020–21 North Carolina Operational Test Calendar

Grades K–8*

Grade Level	Test	Test Date
K–8	W-APT and WIDA™ Screener	Initial assessment required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 30 calendar days of enrollment
K–8	ACCESS for ELLs	Window: January 25–March 5, 2021
K–8	Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	Window: January 25–March 5, 2021
3	Beginning-of-Grade 3 Reading Test	By day 20 of the school year
3–8	End-of-Grade (EOG) Reading and Mathematics Grades 3–8, and Science Grades 5 and 8	Final 10 instructional days of the school year
3	Grade 3 EOG Reading Retest	Final 10 instructional days of the school year
3	Read to Achieve Test for Grade 3	There are three windows within the year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer 2020: At the conclusion of reading camp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waived for the 2019–20 school year • Fall 2020: Schools offering a 3/4 transition class may make the local decision to administer by November 1, 2020 • Spring 2021: Final 10 instructional days of the school year
3–8	NCEXTEND1 Alternate Assessment for Reading and Mathematics Grades 3–8, and Science Grades 5 and 8	Final 10 instructional days of the school year
5–8	End-of-Course (EOC) Tests for Biology, NC Math 1, and NC Math 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final 5 instructional days of the semester • Final 10 instructional days of yearlong course

* The decision to administer a required assessment must be based on eligibility requirements, not grade level.

Grades 9–12*

Grade Level	Test	Test Date
9–12	WIDA™ Screener	Initial assessment required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 30 calendar days of enrollment
9–12	Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM) Phase 1 Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer 2020: July 20–31 • Fall 2020: September 17–30 • Spring 2021: February 15–26 • Summer 2021: July 19–30
9–12	End-of-Course (EOC) Tests for Biology, English II, NC Math 1, and NC Math 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final 5 instructional days of the semester • Final 10 instructional days of yearlong course • Final 5 instructional days of the summer school course
9–12	ACCESS for ELLs	Window: January 25–March 5, 2021
9–12	Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	Window: January 25–March 5, 2021
9–12	ACT WorkKeys	Fall 2020: November 16–December 15 Spring 2021: April 12–23
10	PreACT	October 12–December 18, 2020
10	College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment (CCRAA) at Grade 10	October 12–December 18, 2020
10	NCEXTEND1 Alternate Assessment for English II, Biology, and NC Math 1 at Grade 10	Final 10 instructional days of the school year
11	ACT Fall 2020 Makeup Test Date Options (paper/pencil format only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 22, 2020 • October 6, 2020 • October 20, 2020
11	ACT Fall 2020 Accommodations Makeup Test Window Options (paper/pencil format only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 22, 2020–October 2, 2020 (weekdays) • October 6, 2020–October 12, 2020 (weekdays) • October 20, 2020–October 26, 2020 (weekdays)
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment (CCRAA) at Grade 11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 22, 2020–October 2, 2020 (weekdays) • October 6, 2020–October 12, 2020 (weekdays)

Grade Level	Test	Test Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCEXTEND1 Alternate Assessment at Grade 11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 20, 2020–October 26, 2020 (weekdays)
11	ACT Spring 2021 without Writing – Initial Test Date (paper/pencil format)	February 23, 2021
11	ACT without Writing – Initial Test Date Accommodations Window (paper/pencil format)	February 23–26, 2021, March 1–5, 2021
11	ACT without Writing – Initial Online Standard & Accommodations Testing Window	February 23–25, 2021, March 2–4, 2021
11	ACT without Writing – Makeup Test Date (paper/pencil format)	March 9, 2021
11	ACT without Writing – Makeup Test Date Accommodations Window (paper/pencil format)	March 9–12, 2021 and March 15–19, 2021
11	ACT without Writing – Makeup Test Date Online Standard & Accommodations Testing Window	March 9–11, 2021 and March 16–18, 2021
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment at Grade 11 NCEXTEND1 Alternate Assessment at Grade 11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial: February 23–26, 2021, March 1–5, 2021 Makeup: March 9–12, 2021 and March 15–19, 2021

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NAEP

Grade Level/Age	Test	Test Date
Grades 4 & 8	NAEP Reading and Mathematics Assessment	January 25–March 5, 2021
Grade 8	NAEP Civics and U.S. History Assessment	January 25–March 5, 2021
Grade 4	Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS)	April–May 2021
Age 15	Program for International Student Assessment (PISA)	Fall 2021

Schools selected to participate in NAEP will be notified.