

2024–25 North Carolina Operational Testing Calendar

It is a recommended best practice to complete testing early in the window and reserve the final days for makeup testing.

Grades K–8 ¹		
Grade Level	Test	Test Date
K–8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WIDA™ Screener for Kindergarten WIDA Screener 	Initial assessment required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 30 calendar days of enrollment
K–8	ACCESS for ELLs	Test Window: January 13–March 14, 2025
K–8	WIDA Alternate ACCESS	
3	Beginning-of-Grade 3 (BOG3) Reading Test	Traditional schools: first fifteen days of school year (Days 1-15) Year-round schools: first fifteen days of school year ² beginning July 19, 2024
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 2024: At the conclusion of reading camp Fall 2024: Schools offering a transitional third and fourth class combination, or a fourth- grade accelerated class may make the local decision to administer by November 1, 2024 Spring 2025: 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	NCEXTEND1 Item Tryout (Science—Grades 5 and 8)	January 6–24, 2025
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

¹The decision to administer a required assessment must be based on eligibility requirements.

²NCTest does not open until July 19, 2024. For year-round schools opening before July 19, 2024, July 19th is day one of the fifteen day BOG3 window. For year-round schools opening after July 19, 2024, the first day of school is day one of the fifteen day BOG3 window.

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Grades 9–12¹		
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 2024: July 19–August 1 • Fall 2024: September 17–30 • Spring 2025: February 18–March 3 • Summer 2025: July 18–July 31
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	Test Window: January 13–March 14, 2025
9–12	WIDA Alternate ACCESS	
9–12	ACT WorkKeys	Fall 2024: November 4, 2024–December 20, 2024 Spring 2025: February 10, 2025–March 14, 2025
10	NCEXTEND1 Item Tryout Biology—Grade 10	January 6–24, 2025
10	PreACT (Paper and Online Testing)	October 7, 2024–May 2, 2025
10	College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment (CCRAA) at Grade 10	
10	NCEXTEND1 Alternate Assessment for English II, Biology, and NC Math 1 at Grade 10	Final 10 instructional days of the school year

Grades 9–12¹ (continued)		
Grade Level	Test	Test Date
11	The ACT – Paper Testing Standard Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Date 1: March 11, 2025 • Test Date 2: March 25, 2025 • Test Date 3: April 8, 2025
11	The ACT – Paper Testing Accommodations Windows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Window 1: March 11–14 and March 17–21, 2025 • Test Window 2: March 25–28, March 31, and April 1–4, 2025 • Test Window 3: April 8–11 and April 14–18, 2025
11	The ACT – Online Testing Standard & Accommodations Windows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Test Window 1: March 11–14 and March 17–21, 2025 • Online Test Window 2: March 25–28, March 31, and April 1–4, 2025 • Online Test Window 3: April 8–11 and April 14–18, 2025
11	College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment (CCRAA) at Grade 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Window 1: March 11–14 and March 17–21, 2025 • Test Window 2: March 25–28, March 31, and April 1–4, 2025 • Test Window 3: April 8–11 and April 14–18, 2025
11	NCEXTEND1 Alternate Assessment at Grade 11	

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NAEP³		
Grade Level or Age	Test	Test Date
Ages 9 and 13	NAEP 2025 Long-Term Trend Assessment Reading and Mathematics	Test Window: Late January to Mid-March 2025

³Schools selected to participate in NAEP will be notified.