

## 2026–27 North Carolina Operational Testing Calendar

*It is a recommended best practice to complete testing early in the window to ensure sufficient make-up opportunities. The decision to administer a required assessment must be based on student eligibility requirements.*

### Required Assessments for Grades K–8

Grade Level	Test Name	Test Window or Date
K–8	WIDA™ Screener for Kindergarten and WIDA Screener	Initial assessment required within 30 calendar days of enrollment
K–12	WIDA Alternate Screener	Alternate initial assessment administered to eligible students
K–8	WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten, WIDA ACCESS, and WIDA Alternate ACCESS	January 11–March 12, 2027
Grade 3	Beginning-of-Grade 3 (BOG3) Reading Test	<b>Traditional schools:</b> first 15 days of the school year (days 1 through 15). <b>Year-round schools:</b> first 15 days of school year* beginning July 20, 2026.
Grades 3–8	End-of-Grade (EOG) Tests for Reading and Mathematics; and Science (Grades 5 and 8)	Final 10 instructional days of the school year

\*NCTest does not open until July 20, 2026. For year-round schools opening before July 20, 2026, July 20th is day one of the fifteen-day BOG3 window. For year-round schools opening after July 20, 2026, the first day of school is day one of the fifteen-day BOG3 window.

### Required Assessments for Grades K–8 continued

Grade Level	Test Name	Test Window or Date
Grade 3	Read to Achieve Test	<p>There are three windows within the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Summer 2026:</b> At the conclusion of reading camp.</li> <li>• <b>Fall 2026:</b> 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, 2026.</li> <li>• <b>Spring 2027:</b> final 10 instructional days of the school year</li> </ul>
Grades 3–8	NCEXTEND1 Alternate Assessment for Reading, Mathematics; and Science (Grades 5 and 8)	Final 10 instructional days of the school year

### Required Assessments for Grades 9–12

Grade Level	Test Name	Test Window or Date
Grades 9–12	WIDA Screener	Initial assessment required within 30 calendar days of enrollment
Grades 9–12	WIDA Alternate Screener	Alternate initial assessment administered to eligible students
Grades 9–12	Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM) Phase 1 Assessments*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July (last 10 school days of the month),</li> <li>• September and October (last 5 school days of each month),</li> <li>• March (last 10 school days of the month), and</li> <li>• Fall and spring testing windows.</li> </ul>
Grades 9–12	End-of-Course (EOC) Tests for Biology, English II, NC Math 1, and NC Math 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final 5 instructional days of the semester</li> <li>• Final 10 instructional days of a yearlong course</li> <li>• Final 5 instructional days of a summer school course</li> </ul>
Grades 9–12	WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS	January 11–March 12, 2027
Grades 9–12	ACT WorkKeys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fall Testing Window:</b> October 5–November 13, 2026</li> <li>• <b>Spring Testing Window:</b> February 22–April 2, 2027</li> </ul>
Grade 10	PreACT	October 12–November 20, 2026
Grade 10	CCRAA	October 12–November 20, 2026

\*Grades 6–8 for high school courses offered in middle school.

### Required Assessments for Grades 9–12 continued

Grade Level	Test Name	Test Window or Date
Grade 10	NCEXTEND1 Alternate Assessments for English II, Biology, and NC Math 1	Final 10 instructional days of the school year
Grade 11	The ACT – Standard Time Paper Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test Date 1: February 23, 2027</li> <li>• Test Date 2: March 9, 2027</li> <li>• Test Date 3: April 6, 2027</li> </ul>
Grade 11	The ACT – Standard Time Online Testing Window and Accommodations Window (Paper and Online)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test Window 1: February 23–26 and March 1–5, 2027</li> <li>• Test Window 2: March 9–12 and March 15–19, 2027</li> <li>• Test Window 3: April 6–9 and April 12–16, 2027</li> </ul>
Grade 11	CCRAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test Window 1: February 23–26 and March 1–5, 2027</li> <li>• Test Window 2: March 9–12 and March 15–19, 2027</li> <li>• Test Window 3: April 6–9 and April 12–16, 2027</li> </ul>
Grade 11	NCEXTEND1 Alternate Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test Window 1: February 23–26 and March 1–5, 2027</li> <li>• Test Window 2: March 9–12 and March 15–19, 2027</li> <li>• Test Window 3: April 6–9 and April 12–16, 2027</li> </ul>

## National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Assessments

Schools selected to participate in NAEP will be notified.

Grade Level or Age	Test Name	Test Window
Grade 8	NAEP 2027 Science (Pilot)	TBD