

North Carolina NCEXTEND1 Alternate Assessments Brief



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The North Carolina NCEXTEND1 Alternate Assessments of Reading and Mathematics at grades 3–8; Science at grades 5 and 8; English II, NC Math 1, and Biology at grade 10; and Grade 11 are designed for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The assessment process requires students to complete grade-level, multiple-choice questions. The NCEXTEND1 alternate assessment questions measure the content standards specified in the *North Carolina Standard Course of Study Extended Content Standards* for reading and mathematics and the *North Carolina Essential Standards* for science.

Students take the NCEXTEND1 for grades 3–8 and 10 during the last ten days of the school year. Students take the NCEXTEND1 at grade 11 during the designated testing window. The assessments are teacher-facilitated assessments that are administered individually to each student. The time required by a student to complete the assessment(s) will be unique to each individual student depending on the student's ability to maintain focus, medical condition, or fatigue factor(s).

There are three administration options available for the NCEXTEND1 alternate assessments. The Individualized Education Program (IEP) team determines, based on the individual needs of the student, which of the following options is most appropriate:

- Option 1: teacher-facilitated online with the student recording responses on the device (Optional: The paper test cards that coincide with the online test questions can also be placed in front of the student.);
- Option 2: teacher-facilitated online with the teacher recording the student's responses on the device (Optional: The paper test cards that coincide with the online test questions can also be placed in front of the student.); or
- Option 3: teacher-facilitated online with paper test cards and the teacher recording the student's responses on the device.

NCEXTEND1 Reading Alternate Assessments

- All test questions are multiple-choice.
 - Grades 3–8 and 10: 30 total questions
 - Grade 11: 5 total questions

NCEXTEND1 Mathematics Alternate Assessments

- All test questions are multiple-choice.
 - Grades 3–8: 32 total questions
 - Grade 10: 34 total questions
 - Grade 11: 5 total questions

NCEXTEND1 Science Alternate Assessments

- All test questions are multiple-choice.
 - Grades 3–8 and 10: 30 total questions
 - Grade 11: 5 total questions

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