North Carolina End-of-Course Assessment Brief

Biology, English II, NC Math 1, and NC Math 3

Purposes of the Tests

The end-of-course (EOC) tests are used to sample a student's knowledge of subject-related concepts as specified in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study (NCSCOS) for Biology, English II, NC Math 1, and NC Math 3 and provide a global estimate of the student's mastery of the material in the content area.

Eligible Students

According to 16 N.C. Admin. Code 06D .0309, "All students enrolled in a course requiring an end-of-course (EOC) in the Annual Testing Program defined in Rule .0307(c) of this Section shall participate in the administration of the EOC, either a standard administration with or without accommodations or an alternate assessment, as defined in G.S. 115C-83.3."

Additionally, when identifying eligible students, schools must ensure that public school students:

- who are exempt from final exams by local board of education policy shall not be exempt from EOC tests.
- shall take the appropriate EOC test the first time the student takes the course requiring the test.
- shall take the appropriate EOC test at the end of the course regardless of the grade level in which the course is offered.
- who are identified as failing a course for which an EOC test is required shall take the appropriate EOC test.

Students enrolled in AP Biology, IB Biology, Cambridge Biology II, Biology II, and General Biology II courses must take the EOC Biology Test at the completion of the course with the exception of students who have (1) previously obtained a test score from the EOC test or (2) transferred from out-of-state or from a nonpublic school in which the principal authorized course credit for having participated in the test by recording the appropriate course credit in the NC student information system. Students meeting these exceptions are not eligible to take the EOC test.

Students enrolled in courses that require the administration of the EOC test but have not obtained a proficient score on the EOC test prior to enrolling in the course must take the appropriate EOC test at the completion of the course.

Students enrolled in courses that require the administration of the EOC test and have obtained a proficient score previously on the EOC test may use the proficient EOC score as at least twenty percent of their final grade, or they may elect to retake the appropriate EOC test at the completion of the course and use the higher score for the final grade calculation.

Students enrolled in a credit recovery course may be administered the associated EOC test no later than thirty days upon the completion of the credit recovery course.

Testing Formats

All EOC tests require online administration unless a paper format is necessary for students with a documented accessibility need.

Testing Window

Schools must administer EOC tests during the last five days (4x4, semester courses, and summer school) or the last ten days (traditional yearlong schedule) of the course. Any student absent (i.e., not present) from the test administration must have the opportunity to make up the test. The PSU test coordinator determines the schedule for make-up EOC testing to ensure completion within the state mandated window.

Administration Time

The standard time is the amount of time expected for most students to complete an EOC test. However, students are allowed up to the maximum time to complete each EOC test. No test administration may exceed maximum time (except for students with documented accommodations, such as *Scheduled Extended Time*). The tests must be administered in one school day (except for students with documented accommodations, such as *Multiple Testing Sessions*). Schools must ensure all students participating in EOC testing are allowed the maximum time, if needed, to complete the tests.

The tables on the following page show the test administration timing for each EOC test.

Table 1. Biology test timing

Test Information	Time (minutes)
Administration Time	120 (180 maximum)
2 Two-Minute Breaks	4
General Instructions	12
Total	136

Table 2. English II test timing

Test Information	Time (minutes)
Administration Time	150 (240 maximum)
2 Two-Minute Breaks	4
General Instructions	12
Total	166

Table 3. NC Math 1 test timing

Test Information	Time (minutes)
Administration Time	180 (240 maximum)
2 Two-Minute Breaks	4
General Instructions	12
Total	196

Table 4. NC Math 3 test timing

Test Information	Time (minutes)
Administration Time	180 (240 maximum)
2 Two-Minute Breaks	4
General Instructions	12
Total	196

EOC Results Used as Twenty Percent of the Final Grade

16 N.C. Admin Code 06D .0309(c) states “PSUs shall adopt policies and use results from all EOCs as a minimum of 20 percent of the student's final grade for each respective course.”

Withdrawal from an EOC Course

Per 16 N.C. Admin. Code 06D .0309, “Public school students may drop a course with a required EOC assessment within the first 10 days of enrollment in a semester block schedule or within the first 20 days of enrollment in a yearlong traditional schedule. Students who are enrolled for credit after the 10/20 days, regardless of course delivery

(e.g., traditional classroom, NC Virtual Public School, vendor-based online) shall not drop a course with a required EOC assessment and shall participate in the appropriate EOC assessment at the completion of the course."

Any changes in EOC enrollment after the tenth or twentieth day must follow the Process for Notification of Withdrawals found in the *Annual Testing Program and Accountability Requirements* memo. All notifications of withdrawals are to be submitted in accordance with the memo. Any necessary schedule changes for EOC enrollment should take place following notification of the decision from the Office of Testing.

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