NC Check-Ins 2.0 Administration and Review Brief

Purposes of the NC Check-Ins 2.0

The main purposes of NC Check-Ins 2.0 are to provide students, teachers, parents, and legal guardians with (1) immediate and detailed feedback about student performance on grade-level-specific content standards to inform classroom instruction for individual student needs and (2) a reliable estimate of students' current performance on selected subsets of content standards. The end-of-grade (EOG) and end-of course (EOC) tests share a common question bank with NC Check-Ins 2.0, which in turn exposes students to similar question types and rigor found on EOG and EOC tests.

Participation

Participation in the NC Check-Ins 2.0 is voluntary.

Availability

NC Check-Ins 2.0 are available for the following students.

- Reading and Mathematics
  - Students in membership at grades 3–8
- Science
  - Students in membership at grades 5 and 8
- Biology
  - Students enrolled in a biology course with a corresponding state course code.
- English II
  - Students enrolled in an English II course with a corresponding state course code.
- NC Math 1
  - Students enrolled in Foundations of NC Math 1 or NC Math 1 course with a corresponding state course code.
- NC Math 3
  - Students enrolled in Foundations of NC Math 3 or NC Math 3 course with a corresponding state course code.

Administration and Teacher Review Period Windows

Flexible administration and review windows for all interims are designed to accommodate local control of curriculum. Public school units (PSUs) may choose to administer interims in the order that best aligns with their curriculum. It is recommended that one interim is administered per quarter. PSUs determine when to administer the interims and how much time is necessary for review.

- NC Check-Ins 2.0 for Biology, English II, NC Math 1, and NC Math 3
  - Yearlong courses
    - September 3, 2026, through May 28, 2027
  - Fall semester
    - September 3, 2026, through January 29, 2027
  - Spring semester
    - January 6, 2027, through May 28, 2027
- NC Check-Ins 2.0 for reading and mathematics at grades 3–8 and science at grades 5 and 8
  - September 15, 2026, through May 28, 2027

Administration Time

NC Check-Ins 2.0 are not timed; however, the estimated time for most students to complete an interim is about ninety minutes. Teachers are encouraged to determine the time permitted based on their students' needs.

Quick Facts about the NC Check-Ins 2.0

- All standard administrations of NC Check-Ins 2.0 must be completed online in NCTest. A paper format is available for students with a documented accessibility need.
- Teachers have the option to administer an NC Check-In 2.0 in one school day or over multiple school days.
- Schools are not required to administer NC Check-Ins 2.0.
- Following the administration of an NC Check-In 2.0, teachers are encouraged to use the students' results to inform and guide instruction around the standards.
- Parents can view the students' interims, responses, and scores through customary communication (e.g., individual parent and teacher conferences at the school) within the school setting only.

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