



REQUIRED END-OF-YEAR TESTING

May 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As we approach the end of a most unusual school year, we would like to share information on the expectations for students to participate in end-of-year testing. Unlike spring 2020, all students are expected to take the following tests as required by federal and state laws:

- End-of-grade tests in reading and mathematics (grades 3-8), and science (grades 5 and 8)
- End-of-course tests in NC Math 1

Virtual Students Returning on Campus:

- **Reading End-of-Grade (grades 3-8) is scheduled on May 18**
- **Math End-of-Grade(grades 3-8) is scheduled on May 19**
- **Science End-of-Grade (grades 5 and 8) is scheduled on May 20**
- **Math 1 EOC End-of-course tests (Grade 8) is scheduled on May 21**

Face-to-Face Students:

- **Science End-of-Grade (grades 5 and 8) is scheduled on May 20**
- **Math 1 EOC End-of-course tests (Grade 8) is scheduled on May 21**
- **Reading End-of-Grade (Grades 3-6) and Math(Grades 7-8) is on May 26**
- **Math End of Grade(Grades 3-6) and Reading(Grades 7-8) is on May 27**

Unfortunately, it is not possible to have students take these tests at home. Students will take these tests in person, in school, with health and safety protocols in place. The well-being of our students, teachers, and communities is the highest priority. To support safe settings and to give students access to the tests, the testing window has been extended so fewer students are in a school at the same time.

We understand there may be concerns about students in virtual settings coming to school to take a test. Please consider the value of having information on your student's learning for this school year, particularly in planning for instruction next year.

As we have all experienced in the past several months, by working together we can make the best decisions for each student. If you have any concerns or needs, please contact your student's teacher for more information or a discussion on how we can best meet the needs of your student and your family.

Sincerely,
Mr. Mike Pollard, Principal



EOG READING PARENT LETTER—Delayed Scores

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The new English Language Arts North Carolina *Standard Course of Study* was adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE) in 2017. The 2017–18 school year was the first year the standards were implemented in classrooms across North Carolina. During the 2018–19 school year, the End-of-Grade (EOG) reading test included field test items that were then used to create new tests. New EOG summative tests that are aligned to these new standards will be administered to students for the first-time during spring 2021.

The first priority when implementing new tests is to ensure the results of the test scores are valid and reliable. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) will process the test data and complete all necessary analyses during summer 2021 and; therefore, grades 4 through 8 Reading student scores will be delayed until August 2021. Due to the delay of test scores, schools will use other available student information to assign final grades and/or make placement decisions. Once the SBE has approved the scores (achievement levels) in August 2021, schools will provide parents with student's scores and Individual Student Reports.

*Grade 3 Reading scores will **not** be delayed for the 2020–21 school year. This will allow teachers, students, and parents to know if the student is proficient on the Grade 3 Reading EOG and for students to be provided other testing opportunities or participation in summer reading camps as required by Read to Achieve.

We appreciate your understanding as we move into this next generation of tests and work toward providing the most accurate information possible concerning student performance on EOG tests. If you have questions or concerns about the delay of your child's test scores, assignment of grades, or placement decisions, please contact the principal. Sincerely,

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