

EOG READING PARENT LETTER—Delayed Scores

Northwest Elementary School
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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 tests. New EOG summative tests that are aligned to these new standards will be administered to students for the first-time during spring 2020.

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 2020 and; therefore, grades 4 through 8 Reading student scores will be delayed until August 2020. 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 2020, schools will provide parents with student's scores and Individual Student Reports.

Grade 3 Reading scores will **not** be delayed for the 2019–20 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 Sara English at engliss1@pitt.k12.nc.us or 252-752-6329.

Sincerely,

Sara English
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