



NORTH CAROLINA TESTING PROGRAM
END-OF-GRADE TESTING
PARENT NOTICE
May 2019

Your child will be administered North Carolina End-of-Year Tests on the following dates:

Friday, May 24: Grade 5 Science EOG (online)

Wednesday, May 29: Grades 3, 4 and 5 EOG Reading Test (paper and pencil)

Thursday, May 30: Grades 3, 4 and 5 EOG Math Test (paper and pencil)

This year students are being administered the test based on the revised Common Core State Standards which were implemented during the 2012 – 2013 school year. North Carolina has adopted the Read to Achieve Standards for students in the third grade; as a result, the only **retesting** that will occur is for students in third grade that do not pass the Reading EOG. Students who are not proficient on the Reading EOG in grades 4-8 will have an opportunity to **retake** the EOG. Students who are not proficient on the Science EOG in grades 5 and 8 will have an opportunity to **retake** the EOG. Students are encouraged to attempt all questions during the testing sessions. Math EOG test scores will be delayed due to the implementation of new Mathematics standards and tests across the state, therefore, there will be no retake opportunity.

Please note that there is a testing policy regarding cell phones during testing. It is considered a testing misadministration if a student is found with a cell phone turned on or if a cell phone rings during testing. This means that the student, and possibly the entire class, will be required to retake the test. In an effort to try to prevent this from occurring, **students will be asked to turn off and to turn in their cell phones to their teacher prior to the beginning of the test session.** The teacher will ensure all phones are turned off and will secure them until testing is complete. At the end of the testing session, the student will be given back their cell phone. Please encourage your student to get a good night's sleep prior to each testing day so they will be well-rested and ready to test.

The Reading Comprehension Test assesses the areas of Reading Literature, Reading Informational Text, Reading Foundational Skills, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language. The Mathematics Test in grades 3-5 measures the areas of Operations & Algebraic Thinking, Number & Operations in Base Ten, Number & Operations in Fractions, Measurement & Data, and Geometry. The Mathematics Test in grades 6-8 measures the areas of Ratios & Proportional Relationships, the Number System, Expressions & Equations, Geometry, and Statistics & Probability. The math tests are administered in one day with students completing the calculator inactive section first followed by the calculator active section. The Science Test will require students to demonstrate knowledge of important principles and concepts, understand and interpret laboratory activities, and relate scientific information to everyday situations. If you have any questions concerning the testing program, please contact our school's testing co-ordinator, Ms. Tolar at (252) 355-2411 or refer to the NCDPI website at <http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/accountability/policies/briefs/>

Thank you

Cathy Kirkland, Principal