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## 2025-26 UCPS Testing Calendar: District Benchmarks

Elementary School Benchmarks	Grade	Window #1/BOY		Window #2/MOY		Window #3/EOY	
iReady Math Universal Screener	K, 1,2,3,4,5	August 25 – September 19		January 12 – January 30		April 27 – May 15	
mClass Reading English	K, 1,2,3,4,5	September 03 – September 24		January 07 – January 29		May 01 – May 21	
mClass Reading Spanish DLI	K, 1, 2, 3						
NC Check-In 2.0: Reading / ELA	3, 4, 5	October 28 – November 13		January 21 – February 04		March 24 – April 02	
NC Check-In 2.0: Mathematics	3, 4, 5						
NC Check-In 2.0: Science	5						
Middle School Benchmarks	Grade	Window #1/BOY		Window #2/MOY		Window #3/EOY	
		Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
iReady Reading	6, 7, 8	August 25 – September 19		January 12 – January 30		April 27 – May 15	
Renaissance Math	6, 7, 8						
NC Check-In 2.0: Reading / ELA	6, 7, 8	October 07 – October 28		February 03 – February 24		March 27 – April 29	
NC Check-In 2.0: Mathematics	6, 7, 8	December 02 – December 16		February 10 – February 26		April 13 – April 30	
NC Check-In 2.0: Science	8	October 16 – November 03 <i>Physical Science</i>		February 03 – February 24 <i>Life Science</i>		March 27 – April 29 <i>Earth Science</i>	
		Sept 22 - Oct 01 <i>Physical Science</i>	Nov 05 - Nov 14 <i>Life Science</i>	Jan 05 - Jan 13 <i>Earth Science</i>	Feb 03 - Feb 10 <i>Physical Science</i>	Mar 18 - Mar 26 <i>Life Science</i>	May 07- May 14 <i>Earth Science</i>
NC Check-In Math I (Year-long)	6, 7, 8	September 03 – January 30			January 05 – May 29		
High School Benchmarks	Grade	Window #1			Window #2		
NC Check-In Biology (Semester 1)	9 - 12	September 03 – October 31			October 03 –January 15		
NC Check-In English 2 (Semester 1)	9 - 12						
NC Check-In Math 1 (Semester 1)	9 - 12						
NC Check-In Math 3 (Semester 1)	9 - 12						
NC Check-In Biology (Semester 2)	9 - 12	January 26 – March 27			March 04 – May 29		
NC Check-In English 2 (Semester 2)	9 - 12						
NC Check-In Math 1 (Semester 2)	9 - 12						
NC Check-In Math 3 (Semester 2)	9 - 12						
NC Check-In Biology (Year-long)	9 - 12	September 03 – January 30			January 05 – May 29		
NC Check-In English 2 (Year-long)	9 - 12						
NC Check-In Math 1 (Year-long)	9 - 12						
NC Check-In Math 3 (Year-long)	9 - 12						

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## **Parent's or Legal Guardian's Right to Know – Required Assessments**

July 2025

Dear Parents and Legal Guardians

This letter is to inform you that your student will take districtwide and state-mandated assessments this school year as reflected on the district's testing calendars (i.e., *Testing Calendar* and *Testing Calendar – District Benchmarks*), which are posted on the UCPS website just below the link for this letter.

Per 16 N.C. Admin Code 06D .0307–Test Administration in Public Schools, “(g) LEAs shall, at the beginning of each school year, provide information to students and parents or guardians advising them of the districtwide and state-mandated assessments that students will be required to take during that school year. In addition, LEAs shall advise students and parents or guardians of the dates the assessments will be administered.” This information can be found on the district testing calendars.

N.C. Admin. Code 06G .0315 requires all public-school students enrolled in grades 3 through 8 and students enrolled in certain high school courses (NC Math 1, NC Math 3, English 2, and Biology) take either an End-of-Grade (EOG) or End-of-Course (EOC) assessment as part of the NC Annual Testing Program. North Carolina does not allow any student to opt out of these required state assessments. The only exceptions granted are for a limited number of students who meet eligibility requirements related to a significant medical emergency or condition and are unable to participate in the assessment administration.

N.C. Admin Code 06D .0309 requires schools to “use results from all EOCs as a minimum of 20 percent of the student’s final grade for the respective course.” Union County Board of Education policy requires schools to use the EOC as 25% of the final course grade. As such, the student’s grade for courses that require an EOC and overall high school grade point average (GPA) calculation may be negatively impacted by not taking a required EOC state assessment.

If you have any questions about the districtwide and/or state-mandated assessments on the UCPS testing calendars, please contact your child’s principal or my office.

Sincerely,

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