

Accountability and Research



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2025 - 2026 UCPS Testing Calendar – State Assessments

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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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