

Currituck County Schools – “Did You Know?” Newsletter (September 2017 edition)

Each year, the state of North Carolina assigns grades to each school based on annual test data. Many parents and community members are interested in what is used to calculate these school grades. In this first edition of “Did You Know?”, we will provide information regarding the calculation of school grades.

Test scores used in the grade calculation

In schools that have students in grades K-8, the following test scores are used in the calculations:

- *annual end-of-grade (EOG) math assessments in grades 3–8*
- *annual EOG English language arts (ELA)/reading assessments in grades 3–8*
- *annual EOG science assessments in grades 5 and 8*
- *NC Math 1 EOC for any student who takes the NC Math 1 Course*

In schools that have students in grades 9-12, the following test scores are used:

- *NC Math 1 end-of-course (EOC) assessment*
- *English II EOC assessment*
- *Biology EOC assessment*
- *Percent of Graduates who Pass Math III*
- *Students who achieve the minimum score required for North Carolina university admission on a nationally normed test of college readiness (ACT[®] assessment)*
- *Graduates who completed a Career and Technical Education program and scored at Silver, Gold, or Platinum levels on a nationally normed test of workplace readiness (ACT WorkKeys assessment)*
- *Students who graduate within four years of entering high school (4-Year Graduation Rate)*

Achievement Scores are determined based on the percent of students who scored Proficient or better on the tests. Proficient on the EOG and EOC assessments means obtaining an Academic Achievement Level 3 or higher (on a 5-point scale).

Growth Score

Another factor in the school’s grade is the Growth Score. A school’s growth score is obtained by comparing each student’s current performance with his/her performance from past annual State tests. Schools receive Growth designations of Exceeded Growth Expectation, Met Growth Expectation, or Did Not Meet Growth Expectation.

Calculating the Performance Score

The Performance Score for a school is the combination of the School Achievement Score and the Growth Score. The School Achievement Score is 80% (.80) and the Growth Score is 20% (.20) of the overall Performance Score.

For all schools, the total school performance score is converted to a 100-point scale and used to determine a school performance letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F. A school’s performance grade is based on the following scale:

- A: 85–100*
- B: 70–84*
- C: 55–69*
- D: 40–54*
- F: Less than 40*

FYI: For schools serving students in grades K-8, a separate score and grade for reading and mathematics is reported. This score and grade consist of the achievement and growth results just like the school Performance Grade described above. Therefore, schools with grades K-8 will have 3 grades listed on their annual report cards (Reading, Math, Overall School Grade).

After reviewing this information, if you have additional questions, please feel free to contact your child's building principal or the District's Central Office.