

6th-8th Grade Required Tests

NCDPI End of Grade Reading Test

School Level: Middle

Subject/Type: English Language Arts

Required or Optional: Required

Who takes it?: All students 6th-8th

What is it and why is it important?: The EOG assessments are state-mandated tests that measure students' mastery of state standards in ELA/ Reading.

How are results used?: The state uses EOG results for school accountability as well as teacher and principal evaluation purposes (as per State Board policy GCS-A-016). Results are also used for school improvement planning.

NCDPI End of Grade Mathematics Test

School Level: Middle

Subject/Type: Mathematics

Required or Optional: Required

Who takes it?: All 6th-8th students

What is it and why is it important?: The EOG assessments are state-mandated tests that measure students' mastery of state standards in Mathematics.

How are results used?: The state uses EOG results for school accountability as well as teacher and principal evaluation purposes (as per State Board policy GCS-A-016). Results are also used for school improvement planning.

NCDPI End of Grade Science Test

School Level: Elementary/Middle

Subject/Type: Science

Required or Optional: Required by state

Who takes it?: All 5th grade and 8th grade students

What is it and why is it important?: The EOG assessments are state-mandated tests that measure students' mastery of state standards in ELA/ Reading, Mathematics and Science.

How are results used?: The state uses EOG results for school accountability as well as teacher and principal evaluation purposes (as per State Board policy GCS-A-016). Results are also used for school improvement planning.

NCDPI NC Final Exams (NCFEs)

School Level: Elementary/Middle/High

Subject/Type: Multiple

Required or Optional: Required in classes where there is not an EOG or EOC

Who takes it?: Students enrolled in selected NCFE courses

What is it and why is it important?: The NC Final Exams are state-mandated tests that measure mastery of state standards in a number of mathematics, science, language arts, and social studies courses.

How are results used?: NC Final Exams are used specifically for teacher and principal evaluation via the NC Educator Evaluation System (as per State Board policy GCS-A-016). For NCFE-tested courses that carry high school credit, this test also counts for a percentage of a student's final grade in the course as per state policy.

NCDPI End of Course Math 1 and Math 3 Test

School Level: Middle/High

Subject/Type: Mathematics

Required or Optional: Required of students enrolled in Math 1 and Math 3 courses

Who takes it?: All 6th-11th students

What is it and why is it important?: The EOC assessments are state-mandated tests that measure students' mastery of state standards in Mathematics.

How are results used?: The state uses EOC results for school accountability as well as teacher and principal evaluation purposes (as per State Board policy GCS-A-016). Results are also used for school improvement planning.

NCDPI Career-Technical Education Tests

School Level: Middle/High

Subject/Type: Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Required or Optional: Required by state

Who takes it?: Students enrolled in various CTE courses

What is it and why is it important?: N.C. Career and Technical Education assessments assess student mastery of state standards in many career and technical education courses offered in middle and high school.

How are results used?: CTE assessment results are used for feedback on curriculum implementation and instructional practice at the local level. They are also used for state reporting, specifically for teacher and principal evaluation via the NC Educator Evaluation System (as per State Board policy GCS-A-016). For CTE-tested courses that carry high school credit, this test also counts for a percentage of a student's final grade in the course as per state policy.

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