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Dear Parent or Guardian,

This letter is intended to inform you that your student will take districtwide and state-mandated tests this school year as reflected on the attached test calendar, which is also posted online at https://www.williamsacademy.org/.

Per <u>16 N.C. Admin Code 06D .0307</u>–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 tests 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 tests will be administered and how the results from the tests will be used. Also, information provided to parents shall include whether the State Board of Education or the local board of education requires the test(s). (h) LEAs shall report scores resulting from the administration of State-mandated tests from the Annual Testing Program to students and parents or guardians no later than 30 days after the test is administered and along with available score interpretation information within 30 days from receipt of the scores and interpretive documentation from the NCDPI."

<u>N.C. Admin. Code 06G .0315</u> requires all public school students in membership (i.e., enrolled in a school) in grades 3 through 8 and high school courses requiring an end-of-course assessment, to participate in the Annual Testing Program. North Carolina does not allow any student to opt out of required state testing. The only exceptions granted are for a limited number of students who meet certain eligibility requirements or have extenuating circumstances primarily related to a significant medical emergency or condition and are unable to participate in a specific test administration.

N.C. Admin Code 06D .0309 requires schools to use end-of-course tests as "at minimum of twenty percent of the student's final grade for each respective course." As such, a student's grade for these courses and overall grade-point-average calculation may be negatively impacted by not taking the required end-of-course state tests. Schools have the flexibility to use end-of-grade test scores as necessary.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoupe, Program Coordinator

Enclosure: Test calendar

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Williams Academy

2023-2024 Testing Calendar

Fall Semester	
Assessment	Date
WIDA Screener K-12	Within 30 days of enrollment
Beginning of Grade 3rd ELA/Reading Test	August 17 th – 23 rd , 2023
iReady BOY Diagnostic (ELA & Math)	August 28 th – 31 st , 2023
Mastery Connect Benchmark #1: HS Eng. 2, & Math 1 & 3, Biology	September 18 th – 22 nd , 2023
Mastery Connect Benchmark #1: 5 th & 8 th Science	September 18 th – 22 nd , 2023
Read to Achieve Test- Grade 3rd/4th transition only	October 24 th – 31 st , 2023
PreACT & CCRAA Grade 10	October 9 th – November 17 th , 2023
iReady Winter Diagnostic (ELA & Math)	November 6 th – 9 th , 2023
Mastery Connect Benchmark Final: HS Eng. 2, Math 1 &3, Biology	November 13 th – 17 th , 2023
Mastery Connect Benchmark #2: 5 th & 8 th Science	December 4 th – 8 th , 2023
EOC Exams Biology, English II, Math I, Math III	December 13 th – 19 th , 2023
Spring Semester	
Access for ELLS 2.0	January 2 nd – March 8 th , 2024
Mastery Connect Benchmark #1: HS Eng. 2, Math 1 & 3, Biology	February 19 th – 23 rd , 2024
ACT Paper/Pencil	February 27 th , 2024
ACT Paper/Pencil Makeup	March 12 th , 2024
ACT, CCRAA 11, NCExtend 11 Accommodations Window	February 27 th – 29 th , March 1 st , March 4 th – 8 th , 2024
ACT, CCRAA 11, NCExtend 11 Accommodations Make Up Window	March 12 th – 15 th & 18 th – 22 nd , 2024
Mastery Connect Benchmark Final: 5 th & 8 th Science	March 12 th – 15 th , 2024
iReady Spring Diagnostic (ELA & Math)	March 18 th – 22 nd , 2024
Mastery Connect Benchmark Final: HS Eng. 2, Math 1 & 3, Biology	April 15 th – 19 th , 2024
EOG ELA & Math 3^{rd} - 8^{th} and 5^{th} & 8^{th} Science	May 13 th - 24 th , 2024
EOG Retest/Read to Achieve	May 13 th - 24 th , 2024
EOC Exams Biology, English II, Math 1, & Math 3	May 20 th – 24 th , 2024

Dates are subject to change due to inclement weather or schedule change