



## MARJORIE WILLIAMS ACADEMY

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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 [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 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.”

[N.C. Admin. Code 06G .0315](#) 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

# Williams Academy

## 2025-2026 Testing Calendar

Fall Semester	
Assessment	Date
WIDA Screener K-12	Within 30 days of enrollment
Beginning of Grade 3rd ELA/Reading Test	August 6 <sup>th</sup> – August 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
NC Check-Ins 2.0 (3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> ELA & Math, 5 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Science, English II)	September 2 <sup>nd</sup> – December 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 (monthly formative assessment)
Mastery Connect Benchmark #1: HS Eng. 2, & Math 1	August 18 <sup>th</sup> – August 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2025
Mastery Connect Benchmark #1: 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> ELA/Math & 5 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Science	November 3 <sup>rd</sup> – November 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Read to Achieve Test- Grade 3rd/4th transition only	October 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2025
PreACT & CCRAA Grade 10	October 13 <sup>th</sup> – November 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Mastery Connect Benchmark Final: HS Eng. 2 & Math 1	November 3 <sup>rd</sup> – November 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
EOC & NCEXTEND 1 Exams: Eng. 2 & Math 1	December 12 <sup>th</sup> – December 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Spring Semester	
Access for ELLS 2.0 & WIDA Alternate ACCESS	January 12 <sup>th</sup> – March 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
NC Check-Ins 2.0 (3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> ELA & Math, 5 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Science, Math III, Biology)	January 6 <sup>th</sup> – May 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2026 (monthly formative assessment)
Mastery Connect Benchmark #2: 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> ELA/Math & 5 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Science	February 2 <sup>nd</sup> – February 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Mastery Connect Benchmark #1: Biology & Math 3	February 16 <sup>th</sup> – February 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
ACT Paper/Pencil	February 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
ACT Paper/Pencil Accommodations Window, ACT Online, CCRAA 11, NCEXTEND 1, ACT Online Accommodations	February 24 <sup>th</sup> – February 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 & March 2 <sup>nd</sup> – March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Master Connect Benchmark Final: 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> ELA/Math & 5 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Science, HS Eng. 2, Math 1 & 3, Biology	March 23 <sup>rd</sup> – March 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
EOG ELA & Math 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Science	May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2026– May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2026
NCEXTEND 1 Alternate Assessment for ELA and Math Grades 3-8 and Science Grades 5 and 8	May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2026– May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2026
NCEXTEND 1 Alternate Assessment for English II, Biology and NC Math 1 at Grade 10	May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2026– May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2026
EOG Retest/Read to Achieve	May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2026– May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2026
EOC Exams Biology & Math 3	May 18 <sup>th</sup> – May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2026

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