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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, Federal Programs Compliance Coordinator

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Enclosure: Test calendar

Fall Semester 2026	
Assessment	Date
WIDA Screener K-12	Within 30 days of enrollment
Beginning of Grade 3rd ELA/Reading Test	August 5 th – August 25 th , 2026
NC Check-Ins 2.0 (3 rd – 8 th ELA & Math, 5 th & 8 th Science, English II)	September 4 th – December 17 th , 2026 (monthly formative assessment)
Mastery Connect Benchmark #1: HS Eng. 2, & Math 1	September 28 th – October 2 nd , 2026
Mastery Connect Benchmark #1: 3 rd – 8 th ELA/Math & 5 th & 8 th Science	November 2 nd – November 6 th , 2026
Read to Achieve Test- Grade 3rd/4th transition only	October 26 th – 30 th , 2026
PreACT & CCRAA Grade 10	October 12 th – November 20 th , 2026
Mastery Connect Benchmark #2: 3 rd – 8 th ELA/Math & 5 th & 8 th Science	November 2 nd – November 6 th , 2026
Mastery Connect Benchmark Final: HS Eng. 2 & Math 1	November 30 th – December 4 th , 2026
EOC & NCEXTEND 1 Exams: Eng. 2 & Math 1	December 11 th – December 17 th , 2026
Spring Semester 2027	
Access for ELLS 2.0 & WIDA Alternate ACCESS	January 11 th – March 12 th , 2027
NC Check-Ins 2.0 (3 rd – 8 th ELA & Math, 5 th & 8 th Science, Math III, Biology)	January 6 th – April 30 th , 2027 (monthly formative assessment)
Mastery Connect Benchmark #1: Biology & Math 3	February 22 nd – February 26 th , 2027
ACT Paper/Pencil	February 23 rd , 2027
ACT Paper/Pencil Accommodations Window, ACT Online, CCRAA 11, NCEXTEND 1, ACT Online Accommodations	February 23 rd – February 26 th , 2027 & March 1 st – March 5 th , 2027
Master Connect Benchmark Final: 3 rd – 8 th ELA/Math & 5 th & 8 th Science, Math 3, Biology	Elem./MS: March 8 th – March 12 th 2027 HS: April 26 th – April 30 th , 2027
EOG ELA & Math 3 rd -8 th and 5 th & 8 th Science	May 10 th , 2027 – May 21 st , 2027
NCEXTEND 1 Alternate Assessment for ELA and Math Grades 3-8 and Science Grades 5 and 8	May 10 th , 2027 – May 21 st , 2027
NCEXTEND 1 Alternate Assessment for English II, Biology and NC Math 1 at Grade 10	May 10 th , 2027 – May 21 st , 2027
EOG Retest/Read to Achieve/EOC Retest	May 10 th , 2027 – May 21 st , 2027
EOC Exams Biology & Math 3	May 10 th , 2027 – May 21 st , 2027