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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the 2022-23 school year. We are excited to have students back in our building and can't wait to get this year started! In accordance with North Carolina State Board of Education Policy TEST-001, this information is provided to parents regarding the districtwide and state-mandated tests students will be required to take during the 2022-2023 school year. Some assessments are formative, providing information to instructors and given throughout the school year. Some assessments are summative and are given at the end of a unit, grading period or school year.

Students are not allowed to opt out of required state testing. NC general statutes §115C-549, 550, 557 and 558 state the tests are to be administered to those in grade levels each year "to all students enrolled or regularly attending." Because of state and federal laws, all students in North Carolina (including students with disabilities) are required to participate in the testing program.

For the 2022-23 school year, all schools will deliver state required assessments online. Please note there are a few assessments that are required to be delivered via paper/pencil. These are noted on the attached test calendar. Below is information on state and local assessments your child will participate in this school year.

English Language Proficiency State Assessment for Grades K-12

- The WIDA Screener for Kindergarten (Kindergarten and 1st semester of 1st grade) and the WIDA Screener Online (1st grade 2nd semester - grade 12) is administered to all initially enrolled students within 30 calendar days of enrollment in which English is not their first language.
- All students identified as limited English proficient must be administered the Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners (ACCESS for ELLs) during the annual testing window. The ACCESS for ELLs assessment is an online assessment.
- The Alternate ACCESS for ELLs is an assessment of English language proficiency for students in grades 1-12 who are identified as an English Language Learner and have significant cognitive disabilities. This assessment is administered in the paper/pencil format.

State Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities for Grades 9-12

- NCEXTEND1 is an alternate assessment designed for students with significant cognitive disabilities who have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). The assessment process requires students to complete performance based, multiple-choice items in the following subject areas; NC Math1, English II, and Biology. This assessment is administered in the online format.

State Assessments for Grades 9-12

- End-of-Course Tests (EOC): Students who are enrolled in Biology, English II, Math 1 or Math 3 are required to take the appropriate End-of-Course test. These assessments are given during the last five days of the semester.
- North Carolina Check-Ins for NC Math 1, NC Math 3, English II and Biology: These are interim assessments developed and aligned to content standards for these courses. NC Math 1, NC Math 3 and English II Check-Ins will be administered two times during the semester to provide immediate feedback on student understanding of the content standards. Biology Check-Ins will be administered four times during the semester to provide information and understanding of the standards. Check-Ins are administered online.
- PreACT: This assessment is administered to all 10 th graders in the paper/pencil mode and provides students with knowledge of ACT type questions. The assessment includes four multiple-choice tests: English, math, reading and science.
- The ACT: All enrolled 11 th grade students will take The ACT. This assessment is designed to measure a students' learning in English, Math, Reading, and Science. These assessments are multiple-choice tests and are administered in the paper/pencil format.

- ACT WorkKeys: This assessment is administered online to all students identified as a Career and Technical Education concentrator. The three assessments include Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents.
- College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment Grade 10: This is an alternate assessment for participation in the PreACT and is for students with disabilities enrolled in tenth grade who have an IEP and meet the required criteria. It is a multiple-choice test and is administered online.
- College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment Grade 11: This is an alternate assessment for participation in The ACT and is for students with disabilities enrolled in the eleventh grade who have an IEP and meet the required criteria. This assessment is administered online and is a multiple-choice assessment with a writing component.

See the attached test calendar for a full listing of assessments students will take for the 2022-23 school year. Please know that dates are subject to change. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's principal or me.

Sincerely,
Jeff Hodakowski
Director of Testing and Accountability

2022-23 HPS Test Calendar

(Dates are subject to change)

Grades 9 - 12

Date	Grade Level(s)	Test
July 18 - 29, 2022	9-12	Credit by Demonstrated Mastery: Phase 1
August 29, 2022 - EOY	9-12	W-APT / WIDA Screener Initial assessment within 30 calendar days of enrollment
September 1 - 30, 2022	9-12	Online Tutorial <i>Biology, English 2, NC Math 1, NC Math 3</i>
September 1 - December 9, 2022	9-12 Fall Biology Classes	Biology Check-In Window (4 Check-Ins) Structure & Function of Living Things Ecosystems Evolution and Genetics Molecular Biology
September 12 - 23, 2022	10	English 2 Check-In #1: <i>Fall 2022</i>
September 19 - 30, 2022	9-12	Credit by Demonstrated Mastery: Phase 1
October 7 - 18, 2022	9 - 12	NC Math 1 & NC Math 3 Check-In #1: <i>Fall 2022</i>
October 17, 2022 - November 10, 2022	10	PreACT CCRAA @ Grade 10
November 14 - 22, 2022	9-12	NC Early Math Placement Test (Selected Courses)
November 14 - 30, 2022	10	English 2 Check-In #2: <i>Fall 2022</i>
November 14, 2022 - December 9, 2022	12	ACT WorkKeys Assessment Students who are CTE Completers
November 21, 2022 - December 2, 2022	9-12	NC Math 1 & NC Math 3 Check-In #2: <i>Fall 2022</i>
December 15 - 21, 2022	9-12	End-of-Course Tests: Fall 2022 <i>Biology, English 2, NC Math 1, NC Math 3</i> Teacher-made Tests CTE Assessments
January 9 - May 17, 2023	9-12 Spring Biology Classes	Biology Check-In Window (4 Check-Ins) Structure & Function of Living Things Ecosystems Evolution and Genetics Molecular Biology
January 23, 2023 - March 10, 2023	9-12	ACCESS for ELLs Alternate ACCESS for ELLs

February 6 - 15, 2023	10	English 2 Check-In #1: <i>Spring 2023</i>
February 15 - 28, 2023	9-12	Credit by Demonstrated Mastery: Phase 1
February 21, 2023 - March 24, 2023	12	ACT WorkKeys Assessment Students who are CTE Completers
February 27, 2023 - March 10, 2023	9-12	NC Math 1 & NC Math 3 Check-In #1: <i>Spring 2023</i>
April 24 - 28, 2023	9-12	NC Early Math Placement Test (Selected Courses)
April 24, 2023 - May 5, 2023	9-12	NC Math 1 & NC Math 3 Check-In #2: <i>Spring 2023</i>
March 7, 2023	11	Spring ACT (Test Date #1)
March 7 - 10, 2023 March 13 - 17, 2023	11	Spring ACT Accommodations Window #1 CCRAA @ Grade 11 NCEXTEND1 @ Grade 11
March 21, 2023	11	Spring ACT (Test Date #2)
March 21 - 23, 2023 March 28 - 30, 2023	11	Spring ACT Accommodations Window #2 CCRAA @ Grade 11 NCEXTEND1 @ Grade 11
April 17 - 28, 2023	10	English 2 Check-In #2: <i>Spring 2023</i>
May 19, 2023 - June 2, 2023	9-12	NCEXTEND1 (English 2, Biology & NC Math 1 @ Grade 10)
May 26, 2023 - June 2, 2023	9-12	End-of-Course (EOC) Tests: Yearlong 2022-23 Biology, English 2, NC Math 1, NC Math 3 CTE Assessments
July 18 - 31, 2023	9-12	Credit by Demonstrated Mastery: Phase 1