

August 19, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Listed below are the formative and end of grade tests given by Haywood County Schools and the state of North Carolina.

Providing formative assessments throughout the school year allows our teachers to monitor the progress of your student's learning. These formative assessments also provide valuable information that's used by the teachers to develop engaging and differentiated instruction.

Listed below are the assessments used to gather this data, as well as year-end assessments to determine your student's end of grade status.

**Assessment Name:** NC Beginning of Grade 3

**Subject(s):** English Language Arts (ELA)

**Grade(s):** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Date(s)\*:** August 2025

**Assessment Name:** NC Dibels 8: Beginning of Year, Middle of Year, End of Year

**Subject(s):** ELA

**Grade(s):** K – 5<sup>th</sup> grades

**Date(s)\*:** Aug 2025, Jan 2026, May 2026

**Assessment Name:** Early Learning Inventory (ELI)

**Subject(s):** Multiple

**Grade(s):** Kindergarten

**Date(s)\*:** Aug - Dec 2025

**Assessment Name:** NC Read to Achieve

**Subject(s):** ELA

**Grade(s):** 4<sup>th</sup> (only select students)

**Date(s)\*:** Oct 2025

**Assessment Name:** NC Check-Ins

**Subject(s):** ELA & Math; plus, Science 5<sup>th</sup> Gr Only

**Grade(s):** 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades

**Date(s)\*:** Fall 2025 – Spr 2026

**Assessment Name:** CASE 21 Benchmark Tests

**Subject(s):** ELA & Math; plus, Science 5<sup>th</sup> Gr Only

**Grade(s):** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades

**Date(s)\*:** Mar 2026

**Assessment Name:** Cognitive Aptitude

**Subject(s):** Problem Solving

**Grade(s):** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Date(s)\*:** Spr 2026

**Assessment Name:** NC K-2 Math Assessment

**Subject(s):** Math

**Grade(s):** Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Date(s)\*:** May 2026

**Assessment Name:** NC ACCESS

**Subject(s):** ELA

**Grade(s):** English Language Learners

**Date(s)\*:** Jan - Mar 2026

**Assessment Name:** NC End of Grade (EOG) Tests

**Subject(s):** ELA, Math, Science

**Grade(s):** 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – ELA, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – Math, 5<sup>th</sup> – Science

**Date(s)\*:** May/June 2026

**Assessment Name:** Retesting for End of Grade Tests (as determined by the state of NC)

**Subject(s):** ELA, Math, Science

**Grade(s):** 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>

**Date(s)\*:** May/June 2026

**Assessment Name:** NC Read to Achieve

**Subject(s):** ELA

**Grade(s):** 3<sup>rd</sup> (only select students)

**Date(s)\*:** May/June 2026

**\* All dates are subject to change according to revisions in the Haywood County Schools Calendar.**