

NCEXTEND1 READING, Science Grades 5 & 8 PARENT LETTER—Delayed Scores

Northwest Elementary School
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The new English Language Arts North Carolina *Extended Content Standards* were adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE) in 2017. The 2017–18 school year was the first year the standards were implemented in classrooms across North Carolina. During the 2018–19 school year the NCEXTEND1 Reading and Science tests included field test items that were then used to create new tests. New NCEXTEND1 summative tests aligned to these new standards will be administered for the first-time during spring 2020.

The first priority when implementing new tests is to ensure the results of the test scores are valid and reliable. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) will process the test data and complete all necessary analyses. These processes and analyses will take place during summer 2020 and; therefore, scores for these tests will be delayed until August 2020. Due to the delay of test scores, schools will use other available student information to assign final grades and/or make placement decisions. Once the SBE has approved the scores (achievement levels) in August 2020, schools will provide parents with student's score and Individual Student Reports.

We appreciate your understanding as we move into this next generation of tests and work toward providing the most accurate information possible concerning student performance on NCEXTEND1 tests. If you have questions or concerns about the delay of your child's test scores, assignment of grades, or placement decisions, please contact Sara English at engliss1@pitt.k12.nc.us or 252-752-6329.

Sincerely,

Sara English
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