



Monthly Meeting of the North Carolina State Board of Education

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Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2825,

(The meeting will be hosted in person & remotely
due to COVID-19 - social distancing will be followed)

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ITEM : II.E.1.b. SLA 2 - Accountability Update: Testing 2020-2021

Presenter(s)

- Dr. David Stegall (Deputy Superintendent, Innovation)
- Dr. Tammy Howard (Director, Accountability Services) **
- Dr. Tom Tomberlin (Director, Educator Recruitment and Support) **

Goals

✓ Goal II-Improve school and district performance by 2025



Objective 2-Increase the percentage of grades 3-8 math and ELA EOG subgroup test scores meeting the ESSA Yearly Measures of Interim Progress

✓ Objective 3-Increase the percentage of students proficient in math by subgroup

✓ Objective 4-Increase the percentage of students proficient in reading by the end of 3rd grade



Objective 5-Increase the percentage of high school reading subgroup test scores meeting the ESSA Yearly Measures of Interim Progress

✓ Objective 6-Increase the percentage of students proficient in science by subgroup

✓ Objective 7-Increase number of schools meeting or exceeding growth measure by subgroup



Component 1-Increase the percentage of schools with charter-like flexibilities (Innovative Schools, Innovation Zones, Restart Schools, Renewal School Districts, Lab Schools) meeting or exceeding annual expected growth



Objective 8-Increase the number of charter schools meeting or exceeding academic, operational, and financial goals

Discussion

In August, school will resume with some students attending on-site and some students participating in remote learning at home. With this context, the State Board of Education August agenda will include a discussion of testing for the 2020-21 school year. Included are the following:

Federally Required Statewide Assessments for the 2020-21 School Year

If students are attending school remotely, provide the Beginning of Grade 3 Test (Fall 2020), End-of-Grade Reading, Mathematics, and Science Tests (Spring 2021), End-of-Course Tests of NC Math 1, NC Math 3, Biology, and English II (Fall 2020/Spring 2021) either (1) when students return to school for face-to-face instruction or (2) at the public school unit's discretion, administer the tests to students at a

school-sanctioned site that meets the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services guidelines for COVID-19.

Optional Assessments

1. For optional use as determined by public school units, provide the end-of-grade assessments for administration in fall 2020 for the purpose of providing educators and parents with information on student's performance on the previous grade level content standards. It is recommended the results from these tests not be used for accountability or any comparison of public school units, and it is recommended that these tests be available at schools and remotely.
2. Provide the classroom-based voluntarily administered NC Check-Ins at schools and remotely.

This discussion will provide parameters for required tests and voluntary assessments, so public school units will have information on expectations and possibilities for the 2020–21 school year.

Resources:

State Board of Education Policies TEST-003, TEST-009

Input Process:

Accountability Services Division, LEA test coordinators and accountability directors including the Control Configuration Board

Stakeholders:

Public school educators, administrators, district administrators, state policy makers, parents, students, and the public

Timeline for Action:

This item is being presented for **Action on First Reading** at the August SBE Meeting. It would be beneficial to approve prior to the beginning of the 2020–21 school year.

Supporting Documents

[0820 SLA 2 Attach 1.pdf](#)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve for the 2020–21 school year the following: (1) If students are attending school remotely, provide the Beginning of Grade 3 Test (Fall 2020), End-of-Grade Reading, Mathematics, and Science Tests (Spring 2021), End-of-Course Tests of NC Math 1, NC Math 3, Biology, and English II (Fall 2020/Spring 2021) either when students return to the school for face-to-face instruction, or at the public school unit's discretion, administer the tests to students at a school-sanctioned site that meets the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services guidelines for COVID-19.

It is also recommended that for optional use only as determined by public school units, the unused 2019-20 end-of-grade assessments will be available (where possible) for administration in fall 2020 for the purpose of providing educators and parents with information on a student's performance on the previous grade level content standards. It is recommended the results from these tests not be used for

accountability or any comparison of public school units, and it is recommended that these tests be available at schools and remotely for access.

Adopted Policies

[TEST-003-Requirements Regarding End-of-Course Assessments](#)

[TEST-009-NC Testing Program: Rules, Guidelines and Procedures](#)