

2016–17 Field Tests and Special Studies Calendar—North Carolina Testing Program

The following field tests/special studies will be administered in North Carolina during the 2016–17 school year.

Subject(s)	Participation	Item Type(s)	Mode	Testing Window
Proof of Concept Study	Stratified random sample of schools who participate in Grade 5 End-of-Grade Mathematics assessments	Multiple-choice and Gridded Response	Paper/Pencil	Interim 1 - October 17–November 16, 2016
				Interim 2 – January 2–31, 2017
				Interim 3 – March 1–31, 2017
Proof of Concept Study	Stratified random sample of schools who participate in Grade 6 End-of-Grade English Language Arts/Reading assessments	Multiple-choice and Short Response	Paper/Pencil	Interim 1 - October 17–November 16, 2016
				Interim 2 – January 2–31, 2017
				Interim 3 – March 1–31, 2017
NCEXTEND1 NC Math I Alternate Assessment	All eligible students enrolled in grade 10 whose IEP designates participation in NCEXTEND1 enrolled in grade 10	Multiple-choice	Paper/Pencil	April 3–28, 2017
Surveys of Enacted Curriculum (SEC) Alignment Study	Teachers at grades 3–8 and high school ELA, Math, Science at sampled schools who have at least two consecutive years of teaching experience at the currently assigned grade and subject area.	Survey questions	Online	September 6–30, 2016
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Math, Reading, and Writing	Select students enrolled in grade 4 at sampled schools	Multiple-choice and Constructed Response	Digitally-based Assessments Paper/Pencil	January 30–March 10, 2017 (pilot test)

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National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Civics, Geography, Math, Reading, U.S. History, and Writing	Select students enrolled in grade 8 at sampled schools	Multiple-choice and Constructed Response	Digitally-based Assessments	January 30–March 10, 2017 (pilot test)
National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Middle Grades Longitudinal Study (MGLS) Math and Reading	Select students enrolled in grades 6, 7, and 8 at sampled schools	Multiple-choice and Constructed Response	Tablet-based assessments	Winter 2017 (pilot test)
Trends in International Math and Science Study (eTIMSS)	Select students enrolled in grade 4 and 8 at sampled schools	Multiple-choice and Constructed Response	Tablet-based assessments Paper/Pencil	April–May 2017 (field test)
International Educational Achievement (IEA) International Computer and Information Literacy Study (ICILS)	Select students enrolled in grade 8 at sampled schools	(i) Multiple-choice or constructed response items based on realistic stimulus material; (ii) software simulations of generic applications so that students are required to complete an action in response to an instruction; and (iii) authentic tasks that require students to modify and create information products using 'live' computer software applications	Computer-based assessment	April–May 2017 (field test)
Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) Reading, Mathematical, Science, and Financial Literacy	Select 15-year olds at sampled schools	Multiple-choice and Constructed Response	Computer-based assessment	April–May 2017 (field test)