

## End-of-Course Number of Items and Total Test Time (Minutes)

The following chart provides the number of test items, total test time, and the maximum time allowed for each of the North Carolina End-of-Course Tests (i.e., paper and pencil, online). The total test time does not include time for the test administrator to read general instructions to students, for students to code the background information, or for students to take scheduled breaks.

End-of-Course Test	Number of Items	Total Test Time (Minutes)	Maximum Time Allowed (Minutes)
Algebra I	80	150	240
Biology	80	150	240
English I	80	150	240

Note: The total test time is the time that the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) estimates it will take for approximately 95% of the tested students to complete the tests. Students who are not finished at the end of the estimated time must be given sufficient time to complete the assessment. However, no administration of an end-of-course test may exceed the four-hour maximum time allowed. The maximum time allowed does not include time for breaks or general instructions.

The following chart provides the time for students to code the student background information, the time for reading general instructions to students, the actual test administration time, and the time for scheduled breaks.

Time	Testing Activity
10 minutes	The Student Background Information must be completed before the scheduled test administration. LEAs have the option of having students complete the background information the day before testing or just before the scheduled test administration.
60 minutes	Administer multiple-choice test.
2 minutes	Stretch break
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2 minutes	Stretch break
30 minutes	Complete test administration of multiple-choice test.
164 minutes	<b>Total Estimated Testing Time</b>

240 minutes	<p><b>*Maximum Time Allowed</b> (except for students with documented special needs requiring accommodations, such as <i>Scheduled Extended Time</i>)</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Students who need more time than the estimated time should continue to be given a two-minute break every 60 minutes.</p>
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\* The maximum time allowed does not include time for scheduled breaks or general directions.