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Options for High School Mathematics Common Exams in Courses II and III and Up-to-Date List of Districts Participating in Fall Administration of Common Exams

The NC Department Public Instruction recognizes that traditional high schools and charter high schools in North Carolina have taken various paths to transition students to the new Common Core State Standards (CCSSM) in Geometry and Algebra II or their equivalent in an integrated delivery approach. Many curriculum leaders expressed genuine concern last spring that the cumulative effect of implementing new more rigorous standards in capstone courses would be quite difficult for many students, particularly in light of the new expectation that all students complete these courses as part of the Future Ready Core initiative.

Based on such input from the field, the Mathematics staff developed common exams for Geometry, Algebra II and the integrated equivalents that reflect the 2003 Mathematics standards infused with CCSSM concepts that did not reflect new strands. When the specifications for these exams were shared with the Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) leaders, there were mixed reactions. The majority of C&I leaders shared that the exams closely matched their taught standards for this year. However, a good number shared that their systems had already moved exclusively to the CCSSM.

In order to try to match instruction with assessment, the NCDPI is convening teachers to develop additional common exams for high school mathematics that will be available in the spring. A complete list may be found at the conclusion of this memo.

In order to provide the same advantage, any school system or charter high school opting to participate in the Common Exam administration in fall semester may elect **NOT** to administer common exams in Geometry or Algebra II or their equivalent for fall administration. Testing coordinators will assist us with the logistics of how that choice will be notated when exams are distributed.

All high schools and participating charter high schools will administer Geometry and Algebra II or their equivalent exams in the spring. Again, the testing coordinators will assist us with a process for exam selection.

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Attached you should find the most up-to-date list of the schools and school systems that have indicated they want to administer common exams during fall semester. Please review the list to ensure that we have you listed (or not) accurately. Please contact Jennifer.preston@dpi.nc.gov if we have made an error. Participants for fall administration should be receiving logistical instructions in the coming weeks.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation as we continue to work through this first year of implementation of the common exams.

Options for Common Exam Administration in High Schools Mathematics Courses II and III

Common Exams Available for First Semester, 2012 – 2013 School Year

- Geometry Common Exam aligned with 2003 SCOS and infused with CCSSM mathematical practices
- Algebra II Common Exam aligned with the 2003 SCOS and infused with CCSSM mathematical practices

Common Exams Available for Second Semester, 2012 – 2013 School Year

- Geometry Common Exam aligned with 2003 SCOS and infused with CCSSM mathematical practices (same form that will be available in the fall)
- Algebra II Common Exam aligned with the 2003 SCOS and infused with CCSSM mathematical practices (same form that will be available in the fall)
- Local Course Option Math 2 Common Exam aligned with CCSSM
- Local Course Option Math 3 Common Exam aligned with CCSSM
- Geometry Common Exam aligned with CCSSM
- Algebra II Common Exam aligned with CCSSM
- Integrated Math III Common Exam aligned with CCSSM

Attachment



Fall Administration
Measures of Student Learning: NC's Common Exams

<p><u>Region One:</u> Camden County Schools Dare County Schools Edenton-Chowan Schools Gates County Schools Hyde County Schools Martin County Schools Perquimans County Schools Pitt County Schools</p>	<p><u>Region Two:</u> Brunswick County Schools Onslow County Schools Pamlico County Schools Pender County Schools</p>
<p><u>Region Three:</u> Franklin County Schools Johnston County School Roanoke Rapids Graded School System Warren County Schools</p>	<p><u>Region Four:</u> Hoke County Schools Montgomery County Schools Public Schools of Robeson County Scotland County Schools Whiteville City Schools</p>
<p><u>Region Five:</u> Davidson County Schools Lexington City Schools Thomasville City Schools Winston-Salem Forsyth Schools</p>	<p><u>Region Six:</u> Anson County Schools Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Gaston Public Schools Kannapolis City Schools Lincoln County Schools</p>
<p><u>Region Seven:</u> Burke County Schools Iredell-Statesville Schools Mount Airy City Schools Rowan-Salisbury School System Surry County Schools</p>	<p><u>Region Eight:</u> Cherokee County Schools Jackson County Public Schools Macon County Schools McDowell County Schools</p>

Charter Schools:
 Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School
 Lake Lure Classical Academy

Regional Schools:
 Northeast Regional School