

NC Check-Ins Reading, Mathematics, and Science Assessment Brief



Purpose of the NC Check-Ins

NC Check-Ins are interim assessments aligned to North Carolina grade-level content standards (for reading and mathematics) and North Carolina Essential Standards (for science). For the 2021–22 school year, the following NC Check-Ins are available:

- Grades 3–8 Reading (measures all assessable grade-level content standards and increases in text complexity)
- Grades 3–8 Mathematics (measures selected subsets of grade-level content standards)
- Grades 5 and 8 Science (measures Physical Science, Earth Science, and Life Science)
- Biology (measures Structure, Ecosystems, Genetics and Evolution, and Molecular)
- NC Math 1 (measures selected subsets of course-level content standards)

The main purpose of NC Check-Ins is to provide students, teachers, and parents with immediate in-depth action data and a reliable estimate of students' current performance on selected subsets of content standards. Both the end-of-grade (EOG) and end-of course (EOC) tests share a common question bank with the NC Check-Ins, which then exposes NC Check-In students to similar question types and rigor found on the EOGs and EOCs.

Participation

Public school unit participation in the NC Check-Ins is voluntary.

NCDPI-Designated NC Check-In Windows

The NC Check-Ins are available for administration and review during the designated window.

- NC Math 1 and Biology: September 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022
- Reading, Mathematics, and Science: October 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022

Quick Facts about the NC Check-Ins

- NC Check-Ins are not timed assessments. However, the time it takes for most students to complete an NC Check-In is about ninety minutes.
- During the 2021–22 school year, schools may administer the NC Check-Ins to students receiving instruction remotely.
- NC Check-Ins are available online and in paper format
 - Online administrations are required for Grades 5 and 8 Science, Biology, and NC Math 1.
 - A paper version is available for accessibility purposes if there is supporting documentation for the need in the student’s current Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan.
- NC Check-Ins do not contain sample questions.
- Grades 3–8 Reading NC Check-Ins contain multiple-choice questions.
- Grades 3–8 Mathematics and NC Math 1 Check-Ins contain multiple-choice questions.
 - Each assessment is in two parts. The first part is calculator inactive; the second part is calculator active. For the calculator inactive part, students are not allowed to use a calculator. For the calculator active part, students can use a calculator.
- Grades 5–8 Mathematics and NC Math 1 Check-Ins contain gridded response (paper format) and numeric entry (online format) questions.
- Grades 5 and 8 Science and Biology NC Check-Ins contain multiple-choice questions.

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