



Spring 2021 Testing Updates

WCPSS Board of Education

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Planning for Second Semester

- Testing is being required by USED this spring for most every state
 - Some accountability measures which are based on state tests, however, have been waived should states request it
 - Ex: Federal school identification categories will remain static this year
 - Some additional accountability flexibilities are dependent on state law
 - NCDPI has relaxed some logistical requirements
 - No requirement for proctors
 - Waivers to the 5/10 day testing window
 - Paper/pencil administrations if needed
 - NCDPI still requires all students to test in person on campus, even if they are learning virtually
 - EOC and CTE tests count for 20% of a student's final grade in those courses, as per State Board and WCPSS Board policies
 - WCPSS will only count the EOC/CTE as 20% of the grade when it helps the student



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- Virtual Academy students are being invited to come to school on regularly-scheduled testing days to take EOGs and EOCs
 - Bus transportation will be available for VA students on those days
 - Schools are being as flexible and accommodating as possible to make families comfortable
- “Hold harmless” approach for VA students who choose not to test
 - Same processes as used for Fall 2020 EOC and CTE courses
 - For VA students in EOC and CTE courses:
 - If they choose not to come in to test, their final course grade will be based on their Q3/Q4 averages in spring semester courses (S1/S2 for year-long courses).
 - If they do choose to test, their score will only be factored into their final grade if it improves their final mark in the course
 - For VA students expected to take EOG tests in grades 3-8, those tests are not used for grading, so they simply will not receive a score if they do not test.



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- Read to Achieve processes related to Grade 3 Reading test scores
- Whether there will be School Performance Grade calculations this summer
- Whether EVAAS growth results for schools and teachers will be available
 - Teacher bonus pay is based on growth results, as per state law
- NC's Continually Low Performing School designations
- Other pending legislation (SB 654, HB 486)

Questions/ Discussion

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