



BURKE COUNTY Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Burke County Public Schools will administer end-of-year tests to elementary and middle school students beginning **Friday, May 26, 2017**, and to high school students beginning **Friday, June 2, 2017**. Elementary and middle school students will take the following assessments:

1. End of Grade (EOG) Science (5th & 8th) - online
2. EOG Reading and math (3rd - 5th) - paper and pencil
2. EOG Reading and Math (6th - 8th) - online
3. NC Final Exam (NCFE) Science and Social Studies (6th - 8th) - online
4. End of Course (EOC) Math I (some 8th graders) - online

High school students will take all EOC assessments, NCFE Assessments, and Career & Technical Education (CTE) post-assessments online. All middle school and high school testing will be completed online except for courses that only have a teacher made exam for which no state assessment is available.

Again this school year, Burke County Public Schools will offer students the opportunity to retake their EOG Reading, Math, or Science assessment if they are not proficient the first time. To be proficient on the assessment, students must score level 3, 4, or 5. High school students scoring less than level 3 on the EOC NC Math I or Biology assessments will also have the opportunity to remediate and retake their EOC test. Burke County Public Schools will offer a summer remediation program the week of June 12th for NC Math 1 and Biology at the high schools, and for EOG reading, math, and science at each middle and elementary school. The higher of the two EOG/EOC scores will count for the student. Please look for a more detailed letter after spring break.

As you begin looking towards scheduling summer vacations, we request you avoid end-of-year testing dates and the weeks before testing, as teachers will focus on preparing students for upcoming assessments. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,

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