

Alamance-Burlington School System



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Dear ABSS Students and Families,

In a letter dated September 3, 2020, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos intentions informed the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) that the federal government did not intend to waive the required statewide assessments, including general assessments and alternate assessments, or the accountability reports for the 2020–21 school year. Unless there is a change in that direction, we are required to move forward with testing and accountability despite the difficulties and challenges that are created by the COVID-19 pandemic. These assessments are also required by state law, and there has been no indication the North Carolina General Assembly will waive or modify the law.

Read the entire update: [SBE_Testing_Accountability_11122020_Final_ED.pdf](#)

What does this mean for ABSS?

Biology, English II, NC Math 1, and NC Math 3 & CTE Courses

All students enrolled in Biology, English II, NC Math 1, NC Math 3, and some CTE courses are required to take the end-of-course (EOC) or state assessment and these scores must be used as 20% of the final grade. ABSS has successfully brought students on campus for other assessments, and we look forward to providing a safe and appropriate environment for our students to complete their EOC/state assessments. Your child's school will be reaching out to review the procedures to come on campus to test along with the day and time for which they'll be scheduled.

These tests will be scheduled for the week of: Monday, January 11 - Friday, January 15.

All Other High School Credit Courses

All students enrolled in any high school credit course will be given a summative assessment at the end of the quarter. The local board policy (3410) has been temporarily waived so that these exams do not have to count for 20% of a student's final grade, but they will be necessary so that teachers and students know the extent to which students have mastered the content of the course. These tests will be given remotely during the final days of class and the scores will be recorded in the gradebook for Quarter 2.

As always, thank you for your continued selection of and engagement with ABSS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Amy Richardson'.

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