

State Tests and Exam Info

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Scoring of EOC Tests and CTE Post Assessments

- All students are strongly encouraged to take their EOC and/or CTE Post Assessments.
- EOC and CTE Post Assessments are given at school and cannot be taken remotely.
- The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction has provided School Districts with the ability to adjust the scoring scale for State Tests. For the 2020 – 2021 school year, WCPSS has implemented the following scale for EOC and CTE Post Assessments:
 - **Minimum Score of 60:** The grading scale for State Assessments will include a minimum score of 60. Thus, no student will fail a course as a direct result of their score on a State Test.
 - **Exam Score Only Improves Course Average:** If a student's score on the State Exam is lower than the combined average of the First Quarter and Second Quarter grade, the student's Exam score will be curved to equal their course average. For example, if a student has a 90% for First Quarter and a 96% for Second Quarter, then the First and Second Quarter combined average is a 93%. If the student scores below a 93% on the State Exam, the State Exam score will be curved to a 93% and the student will earn a 93% for the Final Grade. Thus, the student will earn at least a 93% for the course unless the student receives a score on the State Exam that is higher than 93%. In that case, if a student scores higher than the combined average of the First and Second Quarter, the student's grade would improve when factoring in the State Exam score.
 - **Transcript:** Please know that the original EOC scale score, achievement level, and percentile will be printed on a student's transcript in the Testing Results section. However, only the Final Grade for the student is posted in the Grades portion of the Transcript, and not the Quarter grades or Exam Grade.

Medical Exemption

- If a student has a documented Medical reason for not taking a State Test, a Medical Exemption form can be completed. Please contact our Testing Coordinator, Seth Hardison (shardison@wcpss.net) for information regarding Medical Exemptions.

Students Not Taking A State Test

- Students who do not take a State Test and have not submitted a Medical Exemption form will receive an Incomplete (INC) for the course.

- Please know that the student will need to take the test prior to the end of the school year to remove the INC from their Transcript.
- Please know that receiving an INC for a course in a Quarter could impact Driver Eligibility and Athletic Eligibility.

Schedule

- Final Exams will be given on Monday, January 11th, 2021 through Thursday, January 14th. Friday, January 15th is a Make-Up Day for Final Exams.

Teacher-Made Exams

- Teacher-Made Exams will be made available to every student in a course that calls for a Teacher-Made Exam.
- For students who take the Teacher-Made Exam, their Exam score will only be included if it supports a higher final average. The Teacher-Made Exam counts 20% of a student's final Grade for the course (40% for First Quarter, 40% for Second Quarter, and 20% for Final Exam).
- For students who do not take the Teacher-Made Exam, their final grade will be the average of the First Quarter Grade (counting 50%) and the average of the Second Quarter Grade (50%).
- Teacher-Made Exams will all be held remotely, and students do NOT come to school to take these Exams.
- Please know that Teacher-Made Exams may be project-based, portfolio, or a performance-based assessment and may be started and completed prior to the Final Exam period.

Senior Exam Exemptions

- Seniors who have a final grade of C or better in a course that does not require a state exam will be considered exempt. Absences will not count toward exam exemptions for the 2020-2021 school year.

Transportation, Meals, and Leaving Campus

- Every student who comes to campus must have completed the Student Accountability and Required Health Protocols Form. This form can be completed now and then it is good for the remainder of the school year.
- Bus transportation will be provided to students during Final Exam week. Students MUST complete the Health Attestation Form to ride the bus. This form can be completed now, and it is good for the remainder of the school year.

- Students who do not have an EOC or CTE Post Assessment Exam do not report to school on January 11th, January 12th, January 13th, January 14th, and January 15th.
- If a student wants to leave campus after their Final Exam, they must immediately leave after their Final Exam, not return to school, and have a ride/walk home. For students who need bus transportation, buses will take students home at 2:18 p.m. Students who will ride a bus home will remain in the school in a quiet setting maintaining social distance until the buses leave campus.
- Breakfast and Lunch will be served for those students who want to participate in these meal programs every day of the Final Exam week.