

Testing Information

NWEA

Students in grades K-5 will take the NWEA. NWEA is a research-based, not-for-profit organization that supports students and educators worldwide by creating assessment solutions that precisely measure growth and proficiency—and provide insights to help tailor instruction. Students in grades K-5 will take the math NWEA assessment, three times a year—during the fall, winter, and spring. Students will also take the reading NWEA. Grades K-3 will take this assessment 2 times a year—winter and spring. Students in grades 4-5 will take it three times a year. Score reports will be sent home with students during the year indicating students' results and growth, typically in report cards or at parent-teacher conferences. GCS requires this assessment to be given to all students. The duration of the test is between 1 and 2 hours.

DIBELS

The DIBELS assessment for reading is a test that teachers give to K-3 students to assess their literacy skills. It measures phonological awareness, alphabetic principle, and fluency with connected text. The students will take this assessment three times a year, once at the beginning of the year, once at the middle of the year, and once at the end of the year. This test is required for all students in grades K-3 by the state of North Carolina. Teachers typically review this data with parents at parent-teacher conferences or will send a “Home Connect” report home with report cards. The test generally takes a total of 15-20 minutes per student, as it is done individually.

Local Interim Assessments

Three times a year, students in grades 3-5 will be required to take local district assessments. These are required by GCS. The students will be tested on the standards that were taught up until the date that they are given. Assessment results can be disseminated immediately to parents. These assessments generally take a total of 45 to 120 minutes.

EOG Testing

All students in grades 3-5 are required by the state of North Carolina to take End-of-Grade Assessments. Please follow the links below for test specifications, duration of the test, concepts tested, and the format for disseminating results.

Reading Test Specifications

[EOG Reading TestSpecifications.pdf | NC DPI](#)

Math Test Specifications

[EOG Mathematics Grades 3-8 Test Specifications | NC DPI](#)