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ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF TESTING PROGRAM

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of Arapahoe Charter School's annual testing program. As a public school unit, ACS is required by statute to participate in North Carolina's annual testing program. Per 16 N.C. Admin. Code 06G.0315(a), "All students enrolled in a public school unit (PSU) in grades 3 through 8 or in high school courses in which an end-of-course (EOC) assessment is administered shall participate in the State Annual Testing Program. PSUs shall report to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) test results for:

1. beginning of grade 3 proficiency (BOG3);
2. grades 3 through 8 end-of-grade (EOG) English language arts/reading and mathematics;
3. grades 5 and 8 EOG science;
4. grade 10 EOC English II;
5. grade 11 EOC assessments in NC Math 1, NC Math 3, and Biology;
6. grade 11 ACT; and
7. grade 12 Career and Technical Education Concentrators-ACT WorkKeys."

In addition to these assessments, Arapahoe Charter School also administers the following assessments:

1. North Carolina's Alternate Assessments for reading and mathematics (grades 3 - 8 and 10), and science (grades 5, 8 and 10) for students on the *North Carolina Extended Contents Standards* and *North Carolina Extended Essential Standards*;
2. NCEXTEND1 grade 11 (reading, mathematics, and science) for students on the *North Carolina Extended Contents Standards* and *North Carolina Extended Essential Standards*;
3. NWEA MAP grades K - 8 reading and mathematics;
4. NWEA MAP grades 5 - 8 science;
5. WIDA Assessments for English Learners (WIDA Screener for Kindergarten, WIDA Screener Online grades 1 - 12, ACCESS for ELLs, WIDA Alternate ACCESS);
6. grade 10 PreACT;
7. DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) grades K - 4; and
8. STAR Reading grades K - 4.

In general, state and local assessments are designed to survey students' knowledge and mastery of skills as specified in the state-adopted content standards. General Statute §115C-174.10 states that the Annual Testing Program has three purposes: "(i) to assure that all high school graduates possess those minimum skills and that knowledge thought necessary to function as a member of society; (ii) to provide a means of identifying strengths and weaknesses in the education process in order to improve instructional delivery;



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and (iii) to establish additional means for making the education system at the state, local, and school levels accountable to the public for results.”

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) for all state assessments will be published to the Parent Portal of PowerSchool within 30 days following the assessment. Upon parental request ISRs can be mailed. Test results for vendor tests (i.e. ACT assessments, WIDA assessments, MAP assessments, etc.) will be provided to parents within 30 days of their availability.

A copy of this year’s Testing Calendar is attached to this notification. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at cody.edwards@arapahoecharter.org

Sincerely,

Chris Watson
Chief Executive Officer



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Arapahoe Charter School 2023-2024 Testing Calendar

English Learners

- WIDA Screener for Kindergarten/
WIDA Screener Grades 1 – 12 August 14 – September 25, 2023
(or within 1st 30 days of enrollment)
- ACCESS for ELLs Grades K – 12 January 22 – March 8, 2024

Grade 3

- Beginning of Grade (BOG) August 28, 2023
- Reading/Math EOGs May 13 – 16, 2024
- NCEXTEND1 May 13 – 16, 2024
- Reading EOG Retest May 17, 2024
- Read to Achieve May 21, 2024

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- Read to Achieve Grade 4 October 25, 2023
- Reading/Math EOGs May 13 – 16, 2024
- Science EOG Grades 5 and 8 May 17, 2024
- NCEXTEND1 May 13 – 16, 2024

High School

- Fall Midterm Exams October 5 – 6, 2023
 - PreACT/CCRAA Grade 10 October 24, 2023
 - ACT WorkKeys/Fall (12th grade CTE Completers) November 6 – December 8, 2023
 - Fall Semester Exams (EOC/CTE) December 15 – 21, 2023
 - ACT/CCRAA Grade 11 February 27, 2024
 - Spring Midterm Exams March 7 – 8, 2024
 - ACT WorkKeys/Spring (12th grade CTE Completers) February 19 – March 15, 2024
 - Spring Semester Exams (EOC/CTE) May 20 – 24, 2024
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