



To Whom It May Concern:

Section 1112(e)(2)(B) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that Research Triangle High School (RTHS) provide information on the nature and reason for formal assessments given by the school.

The following is a comprehensive list of all school wide testing events given in 2019-2020:

September 9-12, 2019: NWEA MAP (Reading, Math, Language usage). This information is used for reviewing student growth across the year. This is a school-chosen assessment. The test takes one hour and fifteen minutes each day.

October 16, 2019: PSAT. (math, reading, writing) This is a school-chosen assessment. It is required for eleventh grade students. Other students may choose to take it.

October 30, 2019: Pre-ACT: (Math, science, English, This assessment is required by the Department of Public Instruction. It is mandatory for tenth graders. No other students are involved in this administration.

February 25, 2020: ACT: This assessment is required by the Department of Public Instruction. It is mandatory for eleventh graders. No other students are involved in this administration.

April 2020: NWEA MAP (Reading, Math, Language usage). This information is used for reviewing student growth across the year. This is a school-chosen assessment. The test takes one hour and fifteen minutes each day. (the same assessment is given twice each year to assess growth)

May 27-June 4, 2020: End of Course Exams. These assessments are required by the Department of Public Instruction. They involve students enrolled in Math 1, Biology, and English 2 only. No other students are involved. By state policy these exams count as 20% of the student's final grade in the course.

May 27-June 4, 2020: Course final exams. Each subject requires students to take a final exam, written by the course teacher. Exams vary in type and difficulty, and each counts as 20% of the student's final grade in the course. These are school-chosen assessments.

In addition, various formative and summative tests are given throughout the school year in each course. Frequency, duration, method, and difficulty level of these tests are determined by the teacher. Most are ten-question multiple-choice quizzes taken by students to demonstrate mastery in the subject.

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RTHS teachers are happy to share previous copies of assessments or examples so that parents and students may be comfortable with the nature of the instruments.

All state- and school-chosen assessments apart from the regular curriculum are listed on the school calendar, available at <https://researchtrianglehighschool.org/about-us/calendar-and-schedule/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric A. Grunden', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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