



CLOVER GARDEN SCHOOL

Home of the Grizzlies



September 24, 2020

Dear CGS Families,

We are currently preparing to administer our first round of North Carolina “Check-Ins” beginning in October. NC Check-Ins are interim assessments developed by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) that are aligned to North Carolina grade-level content standards in English language arts (ELA)/reading for grades 3–8 and in mathematics for grades 3–8. In ELA, each NC Check-In measures all grade level content standards assessed and increases in text complexity. For mathematics, each NC Check-In focuses on a selected subset of grade-level content standards. The main purpose of NC Check-Ins is to provide students, teachers, parents, and stakeholders with immediate in-depth action data and a reliable estimate of students’ current performance on the selected subset of content standards. A secondary purpose of NC Check-Ins is derived from their strong relationship with grade-level end-of-grade (EOG) summative assessment. Both the EOGs and NC Check-Ins share a common item bank, and performance on the NC Check-Ins serves as an early indicator of a student’s level of preparedness for the EOG summative assessment.

The NC Check-Ins administration windows are as follows:

Reading at Grades 3–8	
Mathematics at Grades 3–8	
Science at Grades 5 and 8	
NC Check-In 1	October–November
NC Check-In 2	January–February
NC Check-In 3	March–April

Additional information about the NC Check-Ins (e.g., NC Check-In specification documents, frequently asked questions, presentations, and memos) may be accessed at <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/testing-and-school-accountability/state-tests/nc-check-ins>.

NC Check-Ins Testing Information

- Testing Dates have been assigned for Monday, October 5th thru Tuesday, October 20th. Testing times are either 8:30-10:30 or 12:30-2:30 (5th & 8th grade science has extended times). Please refer to your letter regarding your specific date/time of testing.
- Screening: students are required to check-in at the front door to the school. Arrival times for the 8:30am testing session are 8:00am-8:20am. Arrival times for the 12:30 testing session are 12:00pm-12:20pm. Each student will have their temperature checked and will have to answer the Covid-19 screening questions. Parents should accompany their student to the front door for this screening. Students must have a face mask.
- Students will enter the school and be escorted to a designated classroom for testing. They may bring a water bottle with them. Water fountains in the school will NOT be available. **For 5th & 8th grade students taking their science test on the extended days, you may also bring a small snack for in between testing sessions. **
- Pick-Up: Students will exit the school thru the back gym doors. Parents should be waiting at the back of the school 15 minutes prior to the end of your child's testing session. Please walk to the back door (staying socially distanced) and wait for your child to be brought to you at this door.

Health/Safety Precautions in place:

- *Covid-19 screening process prior to entering the building*
- *One entrance (front) One exit (back)*
- *Limited number of students in the building/room during the testing session*
- *Tables and computers will be cleaned/sanitized in between each testing session.*
- *Facemasks will be worn at all times*
- *Students will be socially distanced*

Please click on the following link to you're your child's assessment date/time.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gNGPSIGmnjCbGMELdrlmvOPRZ664Vv_e/view?usp=sharing

If you have any questions or concerns in regards to your student's assessment scheduled on campus, please contact our CGS testing coordinator, Ms. Robyn at robyncox@cgsnc.org.

If you have questions or concerns about the NC Check-Ins, please contact Mrs. Vereyken or our testing coordinator, Ms. Robyn at robyncox@cgsnc.org.

As always, thanks for all that you do,

Mrs. Vereyken