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Dear Families:

VERITAS acknowledges that we owe every child an education that properly prepares him or her for their next big steps—middle school, high school, college, career, and adulthood. The North Carolina Department of Public Education Accountability Services Division is committed to evaluating how students are learning and where we must make improvement based on performance indicators, progress indicators, and growth indicators.

### **North Carolina Testing Program**

The following tests will be given during the 2019-20 school year. It is required that all students participate in the state testing program.

#### **Elementary and Middle School Grades 3-6**

Students at grade 3 take the Beginning-of-Grade 3 English Language Arts/Reading Test between the 11th and the 15th day of the school year.

Students at grades 3, 4, 5, and 6, take End-of-Grade tests in English Language Arts/Reading and Mathematics during the last 10 days of the school year.

Students at grades 5 take End-of-Grade tests Science during the last 10 days of the school year.

All students identified as limited English proficient must be annually assessed to determine progress and level of English language proficiency.

#### **State-Identified English Language Proficiency**

Language minority students are identified through the use of the home language survey process.

The state-identified English language proficiency test is administered to eligible students in kindergarten through grade six.

The WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT) is administered to all initially enrolled language minority students in Kindergarten and the WIDA Screener is administered to all initially enrolled language minority students in grades 1-6 within 30 calendar days at the beginning of the school year or 14 calendar days of enrollment if the student enrolls after the beginning of the school year.

All students identified as limited English proficient must be administered the Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners (ACCESS for Ells) during the annual testing window.

The Alternate ACCESS for Ells is an assessment of English language proficiency for students in grades 1-6 who are identified as language minority students and have significant cognitive disabilities.

#### **NCEXTEND1**

NCEXTEND1 is an alternate assessment designed for students with significant cognitive disabilities who have Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).

The assessment process requires students to complete performance-based, multiple-choice items in the following subject areas; English Language Arts/Reading at grades 3-6, Mathematics at grades 3-6, and Science at grade 5 during the designated testing windows.

## **Additional Local Testing**

### mClass - K-3

All Kindergarten through 3rd grade students' basic reading skills are assessed using mClass:Reading 30 three times throughout the school year. This web-based assessment provides immediate valuable feedback about the instructional needs of students in the area of foundational reading skills. Parents receive "Home Connect Letters" three times a year with information about each child's reading skills and suggestions for reading activities to do at home. The state of North Carolina requires this assessment for all students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. Note that we may use iStation in place of mClass in 2019-20.

### MAP Testing K-6

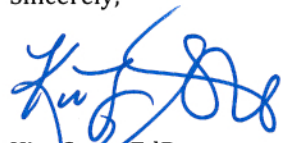
MAP® Growth™ measures what students know and informs what they're ready to learn next. By dynamically adjusting to each student's responses, MAP Growth creates a personalized assessment experience that accurately measures performance. Timely, easy-to-use reports help teachers teach, students learn, and administrators lead. A Family Report is provided to families. This report includes information on student achievement and growth, as well as tips on how to best work with a student's teacher to help improve student growth.

### NC Check Ins- Grades 4, 5, and 6

Students in grades 4-6 are assessed in Reading and Math using the NC Check-ins. Students in grade 5 are also assessed in Science. NC Check Ins are given 3 times per year near the end of quarters 1, 2 and 3.

Please call us if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



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Head of School