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Dear Parents and Guardians,

United Community School is excited to be moving into semester 2 of our 2019 – 2020 school year. We want to take a minute and make sure you are aware of the district and state testing that will be happening during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this year. If you have any questions regarding any of the assessments or testing processes, please reach out to our school testing coordinator, Ms. Christi ([Christi@ucsnc.org](mailto:Christi@ucsnc.org)).

**Kindergarten:** iStation Reading (Assessed monthly)

**First Grade:** iStation Reading (Assessed monthly)

**Second Grade:** iStation Reading (Assessed monthly)

**Third Grade:** iStation Reading (Assessed monthly), NC Check-Ins Math #2 and #3 (Feb. & April), Reading EOG (May 29), Read to Achieve Test (June), Math EOG (June)

**Fourth Grade:** iStation Reading (Assessed monthly), NC Check-Ins Reading & Math #2 and #3 (Jan/Feb. & April), Reading EOG (June), Math EOG (June)

**Fourth Grade:** iStation Reading (Assessed monthly), NC Check-Ins Reading & Math #2 and #3 (Jan/Feb. & April), Reading EOG (June), Math EOG (June), Science EOG (June)

**Sixth Grade:** iStation Reading (Assessed monthly), NC Check-Ins Reading & Math #2 and #3 (Jan/Feb. & April), Reading EOG (June), Math EOG (June)

**Seventh Grade:** iStation Reading (Assessed monthly), NC Check-Ins Reading & Math #2 and #3 (Jan/Feb. & April), Reading EOG (June), Math EOG (June)

**Students who are on Extended Standards:** Participate in the Extend I version of the required EOG assessments for their grade level.

### **What is iStation Reading?**

iStation was selected by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to support the Read to Achieve (RtA) diagnostic. Enacted by the North Carolina legislature, RtA is designed to ensure that all children in the state of North Carolina master the skills they need to become successful readers.

### **What are NC Check-Ins?**

NC Check-Ins are interim assessments developed by the NCDPI that are aligned with a 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 assessments. Both the EOGs and NC Check-Ins share a common item bank, and performance on



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the NC Check-Ins serve as an early indicator of a student's level of preparedness for the EOG summative assessment.

### **What are the achievement levels for EOGs?**

The State Board of Education (SBE) adopted college-and-career readiness Academic Achievement Standards and Academic Achievement Descriptors for the End-of-Grade (EOG) and their alternate assessments.

Achievement Level	Meets On-Grade-Level Proficiency Standard	Meets College-and- Career Readiness Standard
Level 5 denotes Superior Command of knowledge and skills	Yes	Yes
Level 4 denotes Solid Command of knowledge and skills	Yes	Yes
Level 3 denotes Sufficient Command of knowledge and skills	Yes	No
Not Proficient	No	No

Find more information here about score reports: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/testing-and-school-accountability/testing-policy-and-operations/individual-student-reports-isr>

**Parents and Guardians have a right to their child's test results.** United Community School will be notifying parents in the following ways:

- iStation progress with quarterly report cards
- NC Check-In score reports within 30 days of receiving them. Parents will be notified before being sent home.
- EOG scores will be handed to parents once received in June or can be picked up in the main office.

### **English Language Arts EOG scores for 2019 – 2020 will be DELAYED for grades 4 - 7.**

The first priority when implementing new tests is to ensure the results of the test scores are valid and reliable. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) will process the test data and complete all necessary analyses during summer 2020 and; therefore, grades 4 through 8 Reading student scores will be delayed until August 2020. Grade 3 Reading scores will **not** be to delayed to allow teachers, students, and parents to know if the student is proficient on the Grade 3 Reading EOG and for students to be provided other testing opportunities or participation in summer reading camps as required by Read to Achieve.

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