**The School of Biotechnology, Health & Public Administration**

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| **Test Name** | **Description** | **Administration Date** | **Grade Level** | **More Information** |
| **PSAT** | Measures:   * Critical reading skills * Math problem-solving skills * Writing skills   \*Doesn't require recall of specific facts.  \***Redesigned PSAT will mirror redesigned SAT:**   * Support college readiness and success for all students, with a clear focus on the skills and knowledge that matter most for college success. * Encourage students to take full advantage of the opportunities they’ve earned through their hard work. | October | 10th & 11th Grades  \*Paid for by Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools | [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html)  **Redesigned PSAT will launch October 2015:**  <https://www.collegeboard.org/delivering-opportunity/redesigned-psat-nmsqt> |
| **PLAN** | Helps 10th graders build a solid foundation for future academic and career success. It is a comprehensive guidance resource that helps students measure their current academic development, explore career/training options, and make plans for the remaining years of high school and post-graduation years. | October-November | 10th Grade  \*Paid for by the state of North Carolina | [www.planstudent.org](http://www.planstudent.org) |
| **ACT** | Measures what students have learned in their courses and their skills in English, math, science and reading. The ACT helps students:   * • Understand what they need to learn next so they can * build rigorous high school course plans. * • Identify career areas that align with their interests. | 1st Tuesday in March | 11th Grade  \*Paid for by the state of North Carolina | [www.act.org/products/k-12-act-test/](http://www.act.org/products/k-12-act-test/) |
| **SAT** | The SAT tests the reading, writing and math skills that students learn in school and that are critical for success in college and beyond.  **2016 Redesigned SAT** will test items most important for college readiness & success: relevant words in context, command of evidence, essay analyzing a source, focus on math that matters most, real world context, analysis in science/social studies, founding documents and greater global conversation. There is no penalty for wrong answers. | 1st Saturday of October, November, December, January, March (or April alternating), May , June | Suggested administration: summer of 11th Grade | [sat.collegeboard.org/home](http://sat.collegeboard.org/home)  **Redesigned SAT 2016**:  <https://www.collegeboard.org/delivering-opportunity/sat/redesign/compare-tests> |
| **Work Keys** | The WorkKeys system is used to help students understand how they can improve their skills for better-paying jobs. Scores help employers determine whether individuals are qualified for positions. The WorkKeys tests have a clear way to demonstrate their abilities to future employers.  The WorkKeys system measures skills such as reading, math, listening, locating information, and teamwork. These are skills that employers feel are critical to job success. | 1st Administration: November-December  2nd Administration: January-February | 12th Grade  (CTE Students) | [www.act.org/products/workforce-act-workkeys/](http://www.act.org/products/workforce-act-workkeys/) |

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