September 1, 2026

Dear National Heritage Online Academies Families,

In accordance with Section 1112(e)(2)(a) of the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA), we are writing to provide information regarding the assessments that will be administered this year among students at Peak Charter Academy.

The North Carolina READY Accountability Model (adopted in 2012-2013) acknowledges that we owe every child an education that properly prepares him or her for their next big steps after graduation – college, career, and adulthood. To measure student progress toward this goal, and maintain a focus on educational equity and excellence, the law maintains that all students are required to take annual statewide assessments. To provide assessment transparency, we would like to share with you below, the various state assessments that we are required to administer to our students throughout the school year.

State Assessments for Grades K-3

- mClass– Grades K-3 diagnostic reading assessment

State Assessments for Grades 3-8

- **Beginning-of-Grade 3 Test (BOG3):** English language arts/reading test between the 11th and the 15th day of the school year.
- **End-of-Grade Tests (EOG):** Students at grades 3, 4, 6, and 7 take the English language arts/reading and mathematics during the last 10 days of the school year.
- **End-of-Grade Tests (EOG):** Students at grades 5 and 8 take English language arts/reading, mathematics, and science during the last 10 days of the school year.
- **End-of-Grade (EOG) Reading Retest Grade 3 Only:** Last 10 days of the school year.
- **Read to Achieve Test:** ELA/Reading test only for grade 3 or grade 4 students who have not satisfied the requirements of the Read to Achieve law.
- **End-of-Course (EOC) tests:** Students who are enrolled for credit in courses where EOC tests and North Carolina Final Exams are required shall take the appropriate EOC test and NC Final Exam (NC Math 1/NC Math 2). Tests are given during the last 5 instructional days of the semester or final 10 instructional days of the school year (yearlong courses).

State Assessment for High School:

- **MAP:** Fall testing, August 19-August 25; Winter testing, December 1-December 12; Spring Testing, April 26-May 27 for grades 9 & 10
- **Pre-Act:** October 12-November 20
- **EOC Math 1:** December 14-December 18
- **EOC Math 3, English 2, & Biology:** May 20-June 4

- **SAT:** April 5-April 30, grade 11
- **PSAT:** April 5-April 30, grades 8 & 9, 10

English Language Proficiency State Assessment for Grades K-12

- All students identified as limited English proficient must be annually assessed to determine progress and level of English language proficiency.
- **WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT):** The W-APT is administered to all initially enrolled language minority students 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.
- **ACCESS for ELLs**: All students identified as limited English proficient must be administered the Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners during the annual testing window.
- **Alternate ACCESS for ELLs**: The Alternate ACCESS for ELLs is an assessment of English language proficiency for students who are identified as language minority students and have significant cognitive disabilities.

State Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities for Grades 3-8

- **NCEXTEND1**: The NCEXTEND1 is an alternate assessment designed for students with significant cognitive disabilities who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP).
- The assessment process requires students to complete performance-based, multiple–choice items in the following subject areas; English language arts/reading at *grades 3-8*, mathematics at *grades 3-8,* and science at *grades 5 & 8*

You have the right to request, and be provided with information regarding any state or local educational agency policy regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by the state or local educational agency. For additional information about our assessment transparency, please visit our website at: NationalHeritageOnlineAcademy.com and click on **School Operations**. Then select **Testing & Assessments.**

In Partnership,
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