

## Pretest—Grade 3 Reading Comprehension and Mathematics Number of Items and Total Test Time (Minutes)

The following chart provides the number of test items, the total test time, and the maximum time allowed for the North Carolina Pretest—Grade 3 Reading Comprehension and Mathematics. The total test time does not include time for the test administrator to read general instructions to students, for students to code the background information, or for students to take scheduled breaks, when appropriate.

Note: For the reading comprehension and mathematics tests, the time stated is the time that the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction estimates that it will take for approximately 95% of the tested students to complete the tests. The NCDPI requires that all students be allowed ample opportunity to complete the tests. As long as the students are engaged and working and the maximum time allowed has not been reached, students must be given time to complete the tests. At the school level, provisions must be made for students who will need time beyond that scheduled to complete the tests.

Pretest—Grade 3	Number of Items	Test Time	Maximum Time Allowed*
<b>Reading Comprehension</b>	38	85	180
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<b>Mathematics</b>			
Calculator Active	42	80	180
Calculator Inactive	20	40	120
<b>Mathematics Tests Total</b>	62	120	300
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<b>Mathematics and Reading Comprehension Combined Total</b>	100	205	480

\* The maximum time allowed does not include time for general instructions or breaks.

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**Pretest—Grade 3 Reading Comprehension and Mathematics  
Number of Items and Total Test Time (Minutes)**

The following chart for the North Carolina Pretest—Grade 3 Reading Comprehension and Mathematics provides the time for students to code the student background information, the time for reading general instructions to students, the estimated test time, the maximum time allowed, and the time for scheduled stretch breaks, when appropriate.

Student Background Information	Items	Estimated Time (Minutes)	
(Required prior to the scheduled pretest administration)	NA	20	
Reading Comprehension	Items	Estimated Time (Minutes)	Maximum Time Allowed*
<u><i>Reading Comprehension Test</i></u>	38	85	180
2 Three-Minute Breaks		6	
General Instructions		12	
<b>Total for Reading Comprehension</b>		<b>103</b>	
Mathematics	Items	Estimated Time (Minutes)	Maximum Time Allowed*
<u><i>Mathematics Test/Calculator Active</i></u>	42	80	180
2 Three-Minute Breaks		6	
General Instructions		12	
<b>Total for Calculator Active <u>Only</u></b>		<b>98</b>	
<u><i>Mathematics Test/Calculator Inactive</i></u>	20	40	120
General Instructions		12	
<b>Total for Calculator Inactive <u>Only</u></b>		<b>52</b>	
<b>Totals for Mathematics and Reading</b>	100	<b>253</b>	<b>480</b>

\*The maximum time allowed does not include time for general instructions or breaks.