

North Carolina Computer Skills Alternate Assessment

2004 Curriculum

Number of Items and Total Test Time (Minutes)

The following chart provides the number of test items and the total test time for each section of the North Carolina Computer Skills Alternate Assessment. The chart also includes the combined multiple-choice and performance total number of items and test time. 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, answer survey questions, or for students to take scheduled breaks, where appropriate.

Note: 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 test. Suggested scheduled testing time for the North Carolina Computer Skills Alternate Assessment is approximately 60 minutes for the administration of the multiple-choice section. However, no multiple-choice test administration (except for students with documented special needs requiring accommodations such as *Scheduled Extended Time* or *Multiple Testing Sessions*) may exceed 2½ hours. The suggested scheduled testing time for the administration of the performance section is 100 minutes.

Computer Skills Assessments	Number of Items	Estimated Test Time	Maximum Time Allowed
Multiple-Choice	35	60 minutes	150 minutes
Performance	25	100 minutes	
Multiple-Choice and Performance Combined Total	60	160 minutes	

The North Carolina Computer Skills Alternate Assessment is comprised of two sections: multiple-choice and performance. Students respond to each of the 35 multiple-choice items in the multiple-choice section. The performance section requires the test administrator to rate the student's performance. Students taking this assessment are to be administered both sections of the test. Schools must administer the multiple-choice section of the test before the administration of the performance section of the test. The NCDPI does not encourage the administration of both sections of the test on the same day.

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The following chart for the North Carolina Computer Skills Alternate Assessment provides the estimated time to distribute test materials, the time for students to complete the student background information and student survey, the time for reading general instructions to students, the actual test time, and the time for scheduled stretch breaks, when appropriate.

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Multiple-Choice Section	Items	Estimated Time	Maximum Time Allowed
Complete Student Background Information and Student Survey, Distribute Test Materials, & Read General Instructions	35	17	
Actual test time		60	150
Total for Multiple-Choice Section	35	77	150
Performance Section	Items	Minutes	
Complete Student Background Information & Read General Instructions	25	10	
Actual test time		100	
One Three-minute break		3	
Total for Performance Section	25	113	
Multiple-Choice and Performance Combined Total	60	190	