

**End-of-Grade Reading Comprehension and Mathematics
Number of Items and Total Test Time (Minutes)**

Grade 8

The following chart provides the number of test items, the total test time, and the maximum time allowed for the North Carolina End-of-Grade Reading Comprehension and Mathematics Tests at Grade 8. 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 and student survey, or for students to take scheduled breaks, when appropriate.

Note: For the end-of-grade reading comprehension and mathematics tests at grade 8, 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 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.

End-of-Grade	Number of Items	Test Time	Maximum Time Allowed
Reading Comprehension	62	140	240
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Mathematics All Calculator Active	80	150	240
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Mathematics and Reading Comprehension Combined Total	142	290	480

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The following chart for the North Carolina End-of-Grade Reading Comprehension and Mathematics Tests at Grade 8 provides the time for students to code the student background information and student survey, 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/Student Survey	Items	Estimated Time (Minutes)	
(Required prior to an end-of-grade test administration)	NA	20–26	
Reading Comprehension	Items	Estimated Time (Minutes)	Maximum Time Allowed
<u><i>Reading Comprehension Test</i></u>	62	140	
2 Three-Minute Breaks		6	
General Instructions		12	
Total for Reading Comprehension	62	158	240
Mathematics	Items	Estimated Time (Minutes)	Maximum Time Allowed
<u><i>Mathematics Test/Calculator Active</i></u>	80	150	
2 Three-Minute Breaks		6	
General Instructions		12	
Total for Mathematics	80	168	240
Totals for Reading and Mathematics	142	326	480

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