

**End-of-Grade Science
Number of Items and Total Test Time (Minutes)**

Grades 5 and 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 Science Test at Grades 5 and 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, or for students to take scheduled breaks, when appropriate.

Note: For the end-of-grade science test at grades 5 and 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 test. The NCDPI requires that all students be allowed ample opportunity to complete the test. 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 test. At the school level, provisions must be made for students who will need time beyond that scheduled to complete the test.

End-of-Grade	Number of Items	Test Time	Maximum Time Allowed
Science	80	130	240

The following chart for the North Carolina End-of-Grade Science Test at Grades 5 and 8 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 an end-of-grade test administration)	NA	20	
Science	Items	Estimated Time (Minutes)	Maximum Time Allowed
<u><i>Science Test</i></u>	80	130	
2 Three-Minute Breaks		6	
General Instructions		12	
Total for Reading Comprehension	80	148	240