

## End-of-Course Number of Items and Total Test Time (Minutes)

### For all End-of-Course Subject Area Tests

The following chart provides the number of test items, total test time, and the maximum time allowed for each of the North Carolina End-of-Course Tests. 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 where appropriate.

End-of-Course Test	Number of Items	Total Test Time (minutes)	Maximum Time Allowed (minutes)
Algebra I	80	164	240
Algebra II	68	164	240
Biology	80	164	240
Chemistry	80	164	240
Civics and Economics	100	164	240
English I	80	164	240
Geometry	80	164	240
Physical Science	80	164	240
U.S. History	100	164	240

**Note:** Based on previous test results, most if not all students should be able to complete the tests within the estimated 150-minute testing time. The maximum time of four hours has been determined to be ample time for all students, without time/administration accommodations, to complete the tests. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction requires that all students be allowed ample opportunity to complete the tests. However, no administration of a North Carolina End-of-Course test may exceed four hours (except for students with documented special needs requiring accommodations such as *Scheduled Extended Time*). At the school level, provisions must be made for students who need time beyond that scheduled to complete the test. Test administrators must consult with school test coordinators for the procedure to follow in providing students with sufficient time to complete the North Carolina End-of-Course Tests.

## End-of-Course Test Administration Time

The following chart for the end-of-course tests provides the time for students to code the student background information, the time for reading general instructions to students, the actual test time, and the time for scheduled stretch breaks when appropriate.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Testing Activity</b>
10 minutes	Student background information/Student Survey questions. <u>Note:</u> LEAs have the option of having students complete the background information and student survey questions a day prior to testing or just prior to the scheduled test administration.
60 minutes	Administer multiple-choice test.
2 minutes	Stretch break
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30 minutes	Complete test administration of multiple-choice test.
164 minutes	<b>Total Testing Time</b>
240 minutes	<b>Maximum Time Allowed</b>

**Note:** Students should be able to complete the tests within the estimated 150-minute testing time. The maximum time of four hours has been determined to be ample time for all students, without time/administration accommodations, to complete the tests. A student who needs more time than the estimated time to complete the test should continue to be given a two-minute break every 60 minutes.

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