



Public Schools of North Carolina

# North Carolina Personalized Assessment Tool (NCPAT) Update

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# Innovative Assessment

- In June 2019, the U.S. Department of Education gave an Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority (IADA) to North Carolina
- North Carolina's IADA solution is the Personalized Assessment Tool (NCPAT), an assessment system comprised of three interim assessments that lead to a staged adaptive test at the end of the school year



# NCPAT

- Three interims (similar to NC Check-Ins)
  - Assess students throughout the school year
  - Provide feedback to teachers
- End of year test: staged adaptive
  - Items are appropriate for students' various achievement levels but do not limit students' ability to demonstrate proficiency



# NCPAT Design

- Online primary delivery; paper and pencil available only for students who cannot access online
- Reading and mathematics
  - Spiraled content v. sequential content
- Item types
  - Multiple choice and technology enhanced
  - Possibly performance tasks



# Collaboration, Input, and Professional Development

- Testing and Growth Advisory: superintendents, charter school leaders, testing/accountability leaders, and chief academic officers
- CCB: testing and accountability leaders
- Friday Institute: task order to support creation of professional development and cognitive labs for item development



# NCPAT Timeline

Grade Level	2019–20	2020–21*	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24
3					Statewide
4		Delayed	Pilot	Pilot	Statewide
5				Pilot	Statewide
6				Pilot	Statewide
7		Delayed	Pilot	Pilot	Statewide
8					Statewide

The 2020–21 pilot administrations for grade 4 mathematics and grade 7 reading were delayed due to no statewide assessments in the 2019–20 school year. The necessary items to build the 2019–20 pilot assessments would have been embedded in the spring 2020 tests.



# Voluntary Participants

- Initial application to USED had two districts and one charter school committed to participation
- Currently, 180 schools across 14 districts and 8 charter schools
  - Also Cherokee Central School
- Share information with non-participating districts and encourage their input



# Questions

