

William A. Hough High School Plan of Action for Missing 95% Targets

Each year William A Hough makes every effort to include all students in the end-of-course test administrations, PSAT, and ACT tests. This is important to ensure all students have information on their achievement and their growth for the school year. Including all students is also necessary for school accountability reports to accurately reflect the performance of the school as a whole.

To ensure all students are tested, North Carolina tracks student participation rates for schools. In situations where a school did not test at least 95 percent of its student population or of its identified subgroups, that information is reported on the READY Accountability Reporting website at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/reporting/>.

During the 2014-2015 school year, William A. Hough did not meet the 95 percent testing participation rate requirement for either the school as a whole or for a subgroup(s) for the 2014–15 school year. As a result of falling below the testing participation requirement, we have created a plan of action to ensure that moving forward there will be full participation from all subgroups at our school. The action steps are listed below:

1. Counselors will closely monitor students with excessive absences and contact students and parents before testing sessions to remind them of expectations to take all assessments.
2. Counselors and the administrative team will meet with all students taking EOC exams and to explain the importance of the tests and expectation to take the assessments.
3. The administrative team will communicate with parents and students about testing dates through our connect ed, email messages, website, and Twitter.
4. The administrative team and EC, and ELL teachers will meet with students in small groups to ensure they understand expectations to take assessments.