

STAAR-EOC Planning Meeting Questions

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Information

1. STAAR EOC and TAKS Assessments Available for Grades and Year

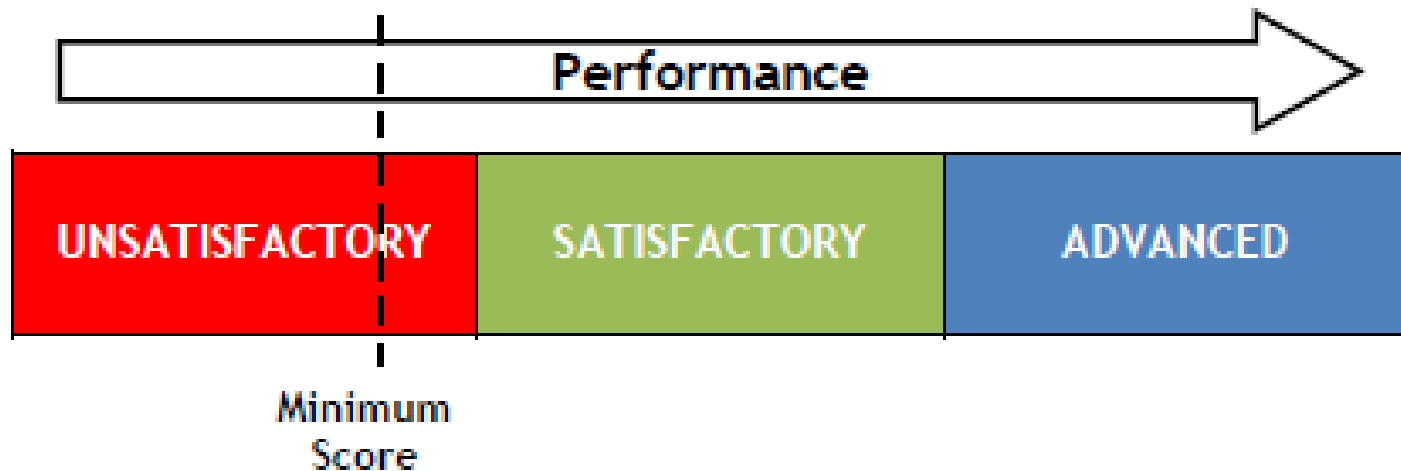
	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Grade 9	EOC	EOC	EOC	EOC
Grade 10	TAKS	EOC	EOC	EOC
Grade 11	Exit-TAKS	Exit-TAKS	EOC	EOC
Grade 12	Exit-TAKS	Exit-TAKS	Exit-TAKS	EOC or Exit-TAKS*

2. What are the Standards or levels for EOC?

Unsatisfactory - students do not meet the satisfactory standard

Satisfactory - Standard, similar to the passing scale score on TAKS

Advanced - similar to commended on TAKS



Minimum - Score

A student has to meet this level or the score can't be used for Cumulative Total. The score is still unsatisfactory.

3. What is the Cumulative Score requirement?

If the “Satisfactory Standard” is 1,000 points and “Minimum Standard” is 900 points.

The Graduation Standard for each of the 4 core areas is:

Cumulative score $\geq 3 \times 1000$

a. Cumulative Score requirement, Example 1:

- 1200 on Biology
- 900 on Chemistry
- 1100 on Physics
- All scores above minimum
- Cumulative score is 3,200

b. The Cumulative Score requirement, Example 2:

- 1200 on Biology
- 800 on Chemistry
- 1100 on Physics
- 800 does not meet the minimum score requirement of 900 and cannot be used towards the cumulative score. Must retake Chemistry.
- Then the student's cumulative score is 2300 which does not meet the cumulative score requirement of 3000; the student must retest in chemistry

c. The Cumulative Score requirement, Example 3:

- **950 on Biology**
- **1000 on Chemistry**
- **900 on Physics**
- **All scores above minimum**
- **Cumulative score is 2850**
- **2850 does not meet the cumulative score requirement of 3000; therefore the student must retest any or all to increase the cumulative score to 3000**

4. How does EOC affect Graduation Plans?

		Minimum HS Plan		Recommended HS Plan		Distinguished HS Plan	
ELA	English I	EOC	English I	EOC	English I	EOC	
	English II	EOC	English II	EOC	English II	EOC	
	English III	EOC	English III	EOC at PS*	English III	EOC at CCR**	
	English IV		English IV		English IV		
	4 credits		4 credits		4 credits		
Mathematics	Algebra I	EOC	Algebra I	EOC	Algebra I	EOC	
	Geometry	EOC	Geometry	EOC	Geometry	EOC	
	Math Elective		Algebra II	EOC at PS*	Algebra II	EOC at CCR**	
			Math Elective		Math Elective		
	3 credits		4 credits		4 credits		

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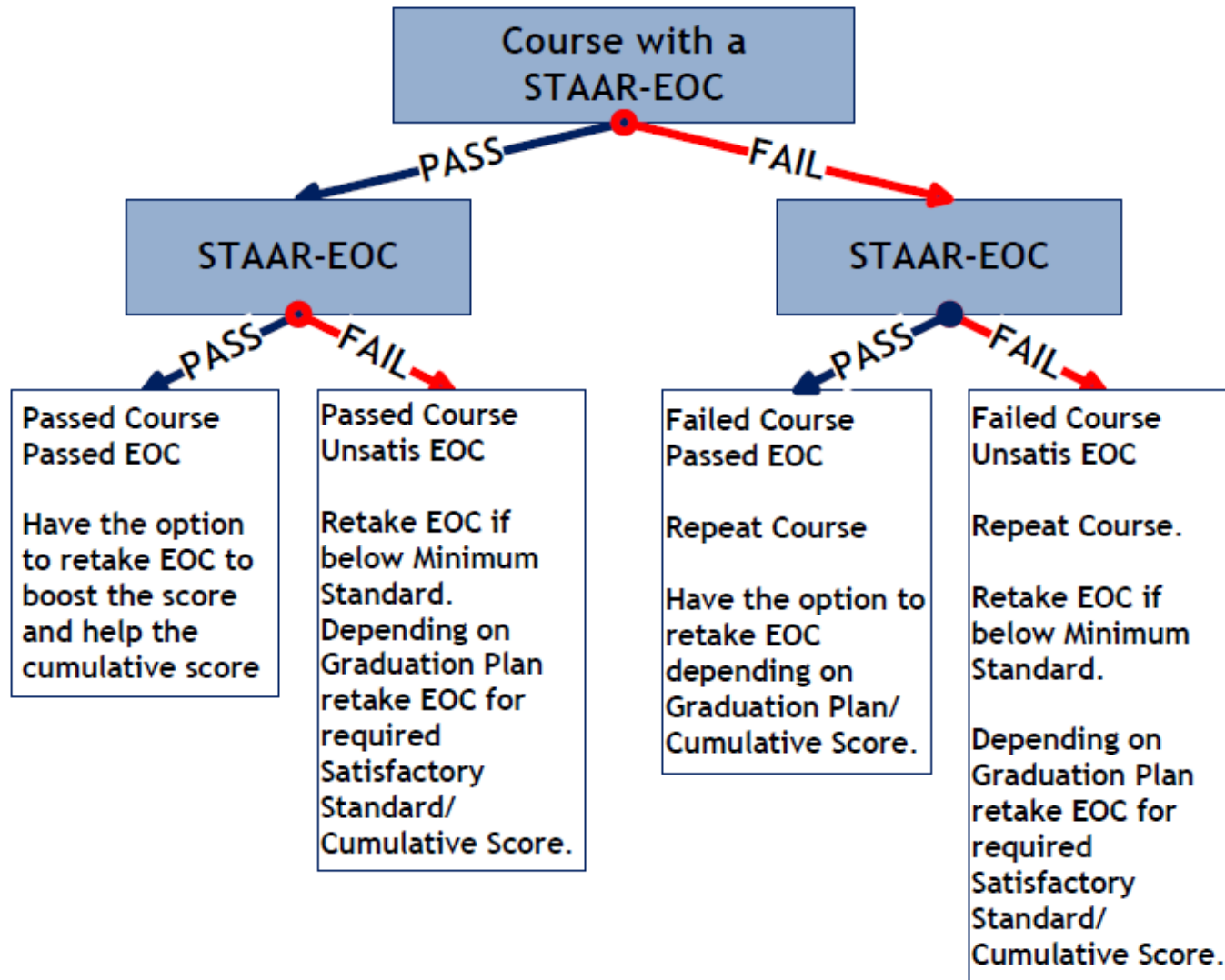
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Science	Biology	EOC	Biology	EOC	Biology	EOC
	IPC		Chemistry	EOC	Chemistry	EOC
	Science elective		Physics	EOC	Physics	EOC
	3 credits		4 credits		4 credits	
Social Studies	US History	EOC	US History	EOC	US History	EOC
	World History	EOC	World History	EOC	World History	EOC
	World Geography	EOC	World Geography	EOC	World Geography	EOC
	Govt. / Econ.		Govt. / Econ.		Govt. / Econ.	
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5. What are the Different combinations for Course and EOC results?



6. For students who are repeating 9th next year, what assessments do they take and how does it count?

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
New Grade 9	Grade 8	Grade 9 EOC	Grade 10 EOC	Grade 11 EOC	Grade 12 EOC
Repeating Grade 9 (whole year)	Grade 9 (TAKS)	Grade 9 None	Grade 10 None	Grade 11 Exit-TAKS	Grade 12 Exit-TAKS (Retest)
Repeating Grade 9 and Promoted to Grade 10 in Spring 2012	Grade 9 (TAKS)	Grade 10 TAKS	Grade 11 Exit-TAKS	Grade 12 Exit-TAKS	Grade 12 Exit-TAKS

There will be no TAKS tests available at 9th grade.

Repeating 9th grade students will not be assessed with an STAAR-EOC. When this student is promoted to 10th grade in 2012-13 year, there will be no 10th grade TAKS and will not take a STAAR-EOC.

The first time the student is tested with a state assessment will be Exit TAKS in 11th grade in 2013-14.

Grading

7. What ways will EOC have an effect on grading?

Current requirements specify that the EOC will be counted as 15% of a student's final grade. Details are still to be determined.

8. Will EOC be part of their final grade?

Current requirements specify that the EOC will be counted as 15% of a student's final grade.

9. How will retaking an EOC affect grades?

This will need to be determined by local policy.

A possible scenario is that the recommendation for policy would be only the first passing score would be included in the student's grade calculation.

10. How will the EOC affect class rank?

Because the EOC will count as 15% of the final grade, this could directly or indirectly affect a student's class rank as it affects a student's grade for the course, depending on how our local policy is determined.

For example, local policy could state that class rank will be determined on semester average only?

11. How does the results date (could be after school is out) figure into the final grades for spring semester?

TEA timeline states that results will be available to campuses the first week of June.

The current law states (HB 3) EOC testing can start no sooner than the second week of May. Unless this is changed in this special legislative session, the timeline for returning of results will remain the same.

This timeline is only for 2012 Spring testing, because this is the year TEA must set the standards.

12. If a student is repeating a course because they failed, how does the EOC affect the grade?

Two different scenarios: if a student failed the course and did not meet minimum standard on the EOC, the student would be required to repeat the course and retake the EOC.

If the student failed the course, but met the EOC standard, the student will repeat the course per local policy.

13. If your class period has first time 9th graders and repeating 9th graders how will the 15% EOC apply?

The first time ninth graders will take an EOC and 15% will apply.

Repeating 9th graders will not be allowed to take STAAR-EOCs. (HB 2135)

Test Administration

14. How is the window for testing defined? Do we have latitude to test on different dates across the district within the window?

No window with the EOC; designated date for each test.

Make-up testing days for students who are absent.

English I: March 26 and 27
English II: March 28 and 29
English III: March 26 and 27
Results back by June 4

Algebra I: May 7
US History: May 8
Biology: May 9
Geometry: May 10
World Geography: May 11
Physics: May 14
World History: May 15
Algebra II: May 16
Chemistry: May 17
Results back by June 4

15. How will paper and computer test numbers be determined?

Campus decision.

**Both on-line and paper must be administered on the designated date.
New 9th grade students on advanced track could take the EOCs online.**

16. How will the 4-hour testing window be defined?

**A goal of TEA was to enable two STAAR-EOC administrations per day.
STAAR-EOC tests are designed to be completed within 4-hour, including
time for snacks or bathroom breaks. The exception is lunch, which will
fall outside the 4-hour limit.**

**TEA Statistic: 95% of STAAR-EOC students completed testing within
4-hours.**

**Students with IEPs may have extended time with TEA approval of the
accommodation.**

17. How will we handle make-up testing for students who are absent?

TEA has determined dates for make-up testing for Spring 2012 testing.

18. How will we handle retesting for students who don't meet the standard or wish to test again to raise their score?

July 2012 will be the first retake available, and so this is a topic we will have time to discuss plans during next year.

(Possible suggestion would be to require retakes all be taken on line.)

19. How will we manage the conflict between AP testing and EOC occurring during the same time frame?

TEA is currently working with College Board on resolving the conflict.

20. Will we allow students to retake for failure vs. optional?

Unless legislation restricts this, a student is allowed to retake the EOC for any reason.

21. Can a student on the TAKS graduation plan take a STAAR-EOC?

No. HB 2135 prohibits TAKS graduation student from participating in STAAR-EOC.

The only exception is for field testing and for setting college readiness standards for TEA standard setting.

22. For students taking CBE for credit, are they required to take EOCs?

Yes. If the student is receiving credit for a course that has a STAAR-EOC, they are required to take the EOC.

23. How will we handle students needing EOC (new 9th graders) and students needing TAKS (10th, 11, or 12th graders) being in the same class?

This may be a discussion teachers will also want to have with coordinators to discuss what impact on instruction this will have. (For example, students seated in the same class taking the Geometry EOC and students taking Math TAKS 10th grade may need different review or tutoring, etc.)

24. Who will comprise our campus team to plan, manage, and administer the EOC testing? What are the different responsibilities?

Required: one person at the campus must be responsible as the Campus Test Coordinator for training and administering TAKS and EOCs.

Each EOC will have separate test booklets that need to process similar to TAKS booklets.

Biology, Algebra I, and World Geography may need to be taken on paper due to computer availability.

Online EOC tasks could be delegated by the CTC.

25. How do we create a plan which has the most minimal impact on loss of instructional time for the grade not testing?

Special Populations

26. What will special education testing for EOC look like?

STAAR EOC Modified and Alt versions will be available.

For grades 10 and 11, no TAKS Alternate versions will be available.

Linguistically accommodated versions of STAAR EOCs may be available depending on NCLB-AYP requirements.

STAAR Modified will assess the same curriculum (the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, or TEKS) as the general assessment; however, some TEKS will be assessed differently due to the modification process.

27. What will the testing for LEP students look like?

With the development of the new STAAR program, all aspects of linguistic accommodations are being reviewed, including student eligibility criteria, grades and subjects included in the linguistically accommodated version of STAAR (STAAR L), and the types of accommodations that will be provided.

The most important change for the STAAR program for English language learners is that linguistic accommodations will be available for most STAAR assessments, not just for those used in AYP calculations.

Please note that there are no changes to the current TELPAS program and associated policies for the 2011-2012 school year.

For 2012 Spring, STAAR-L will be available online for EOCs with linguistic accommodations provided on paper. It is expected that linguistics accommodations will be available online in Spring 2013.

**How, when, and
where are scores
reported?**

28. Will EOC appear on the transcript? Credit side or testing side?

See copy of transcript. Transcript will need to be modified (extra column for year-end average?)

Reasons not to record EOC on transcript:

What score would show because students could take test multiple times?

Would it be better to record on the state testing side?

Confusing for colleges to see the EOC scores along with the credits. This

EOC score is similar to the final exam now.

Different graduation plans would require different standards of EOC and so would need to be reported separately.

29. Will parents have access to the EOC through parent portal?

Most probably yes and likely before the district receives the results; this isn't a district decision as TEA will determine this process.

30. How will the result dates (could be after school is out) figure into the final grade for spring semester?

If this requirement stays in law, we assume the state will need to have scores returned to districts in time for grades to be determined. It's possible that testing dates will be moved forward so that this timeline can be accommodated.

31. What score will be reported? Only the highest score of the whole score history?

This is a local decision to determine how we want to report EOC results. Currently we report only Exit-TAKS.

We will likely need to report repeat scores for students who are retesting in order to meet the standard.

Our question will be whether we report all retests (even for those students who opt to retest for a higher score even though they met standard with the first administration)

Report cards - it's likely that the EOC will appear on the report card in an additional column, but details are to be worked out.

32. In the case of students who pass the EOC but opt to retest for a higher score, what will appear on the transcript: the EOC used in the grade or the higher score?

These scores will appear on the testing page of the transcript.

Some of this is a local option - advantages/disadvantages to reporting all scores, reporting only the highest score, keeping up with two tables (cumulative table and reporting table)

Might be too early to discuss this now? Next school year students will only have the opportunity to test once, and so we have some time to discuss this.

33. For students with IEPs that require limited EOC participation, how will these be handled? (Grades, Reporting, and Transcripts)

All first time 9th graders are required to take the associated EOC.

Students with an IEP may or may not have the EOC requirements as part of their graduation requirements.

An EOC with may be given to students with Accommodations.

AEOC-Modified test: which reduces the complexity of the test (not the content) and EOC Alt will be available.

34. What system will be in place for counselors/administrators/ teachers to track student performance on EOC?

Different needs: Teachers will need this information in order to effectively instruct students, administrators and counselors need this information to monitor whether students are on track.

This will be in TEAMS for counselors / administrators to keep track of graduation requirements, etc.

SAS screens will be developed to display the instructional side of this for teachers' use.

Future Discussion Items

35. Do we promote students after fall semester if they accumulate enough credit to move to 10th grade?

If a repeating 9th grade student accumulates enough credits fall semester to be promoted to 10th grade, then the student would take 10th grade TAKS.

If a repeating 9th grade student remains a 9th grader spring semester, the student is not required to take the EOC and there is no 9th grade TAKS. In this scenario, Exit-Level TAKS would be the next TAKS assessment for the student.