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End-of-Course Tests

Online

Newsletter

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Welcome back to school. The new school year has arrived and we hope the following information will assist your planning for the upcoming administrations of End-of-Course (EOC) Tests.

KEY DATES

December 2011
Administration

October 24
 Test Coordinators Manual Available

November 17
 Test Administration Manual Available

November 7–18
 Registration Window

December 1–16
 Testing Dates

January 25
 Deadline: Rescore Requests



We'd like to hear from you!

If you have suggestions or tips that you would like to share with other districts, please send them to dana.maxie@la.gov for possible posting in the next issue of *EOC Tests Online*.

2011-2012 EOC Administrations

The following tests will be administered during the 2011-2012 school year.

Administration	Algebra I	English II	Geometry	Biology	English III	US History
December 2011	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	--
May 2012	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ FT
June 2012	✓	✓	✓	✓	--	--

FT=Field Test

EOC Testing Policies

High School Graduation Assessment Requirement

Beginning in 2010–2011, all first-time 9th graders are required to pass three EOC tests in the following categories to earn a standard diploma: (a) Algebra I or Geometry, (b) English II or English III, (c) Biology or US History.

Those first-time 9th graders who are eligible for LEAP Alternate Assessment, Level 2 (LAA 2) may use EOC test results or LAA 2 grade 10 and 11 content area test results to meet graduation requirements. The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) will continue to administer LAA 2 grade 10 and 11 for both initial testers and retesters. However, if the student does not meet graduation requirements, the student will be eligible to exit high school with a Certificate of Achievement.

In addition, students who are served under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA) who have passed two of the three required EOC tests and have exhausted all opportunities (through the end of the 12th grade) to pass the remaining EOC test, the EOC test requirement may be waived by the State Superintendent of Education if the LDOE determines the student's disability significantly impacts his/her ability to pass the EOC test.

Course Grading Policy

For the 2011–2012 school year, EOC tests scores shall count as a percentage of the final grade for all students enrolled in **Algebra I**, **English II**, **Geometry**, and **Biology** courses. That percentage will be between 15% and 30% inclusive, and shall be determined by the local educational agency (LEA). Since Performance Standards will not be established for English III until September 2012, the results shall not count as a percentage of the final grade.

Please note that the LDOE will create conversion charts for the new Statewide Grading Scale. Conversion charts for Special Courses will also be created based on the District's Grading Policy. Conversion charts for Special Courses will be sent after the LDOE has received the District's Pupil Progression Plan for the 2011–2012 school year. All charts will be sent directly to the District Curriculum Coordinator and District Test Coordinator.

Performance Standards

Achievement level definitions, cut scores, and achievement level descriptors

Performance standards have been established for the following EOC Tests: Algebra I, English II, Geometry, and Biology (September 2011).

Performance standards for English III will be established in September 2012. Performance standards for US History will be established in September 2013.