

2017-2018 High School Assessment Frequently Asked Questions

1. Which end-of-course (EOC) tests will be administered by the LDOE in 2017-2018?

In 2017-2018, the LDOE will administer the EOC tests included in the table below.

| EOC Subject Test | Number of Achievement Levels Reported |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| English I | 5 Achievement Levels |
| English II | |
| English III | 4 Achievement Levels |
| Biology | |
| Algebra | 5 Achievement Levels |
| Geometry | |
| US History | |

2. When EOC test results are reported by five levels, what achievement level must be earned by the student to meet graduation requirements?

Just as was the practice historically, students will need to earn the second lowest achievement level, now called *Approaching Basic*, or higher in order to meet graduation requirements.

3. Which end-of-course test scores will be used to calculate the EOC assessment index?

The initial test scores from all EOCs administered by the LDOE will be included in the EOC status portion of the SPS. The only exception to this rule is for students who take EOC-eligible courses in a middle school grade or as a T9 student and earns an achievement level that is worth zero assessment index points (Needs Improvement, Fair or Unsatisfactory, Approaching Basic). In these cases, the student will have one additional opportunity to test.

4. What tests will be required of students who enter grade 9 in 2017-2018?

Students who enter regular grade 9 in or after 2017-2018 will be required to take all EOCs in the table above EXCEPT English III. The English III EOC will not be required for students who enter grade 9 in or after 2017-2018.

5. Which tests will be used in the EOC growth component of the SPS in 2017-2018?

The English I, English II, Algebra and Geometry EOC initial test scores will be used with the LEAP or EOC test scores from grade 8 to calculate growth for students in high school grades.

6. What tests will be required of students who took English I before 2017-2018 in a middle school grade or as a T9 student?

The students who took English I before 2017-2018 in a middle school grade or as a T9 student will be required to take English II. If the student is unable to pass the English II EOC, then the student can be administered the

English I EOC. If the student failed the EOC-eligible course in a middle school grade or as a T9 student prior to 2017-2018, the student must take the English I EOC when they repeat the course.

7. Do students who are in middle school grades or are T9 have to take the EOC if they are earning a credit in an EOC-eligible course?

All students who are enrolled in an EOC-eligible course for the first time must take the EOC, including students who are in a middle school grade or T9. The school has the option of administering the student the appropriate LEAP subject test and the EOC test OR administering just the EOC test.

If the student takes both the LEAP and the EOC, the LEAP test score will be used in the SPS for the current year and the EOC test score will be banked for use at the high school. If the EOC is the only test administered, the score earned from the EOC will be used in the SPS the same year that the test was taken, and it will also be banked for use at the high school.

8. How will incentive points for EOCs taken in a middle school grade be awarded on a five-level test?

For EOC tests in middle school grades, 25 points will be awarded for students who score Mastery and 50 points will be awarded for students who score Advanced.

9. Will students continue to be required to take English III EOC?

Students who entered regular grade 9 for the first time before 2017-2018 are still required to take the English III EOC when they complete the English III course. They will not be eligible for the English I EOC.

10. When will the English I Assessment Guide be available?

The English I assessment guide will be available in July 2017.

11. Which non-summative assessments will be available for EOC subjects in 2017-2018?

The following table provides the non-summative assessments that are available in EOC subjects in 2017-2018.

| EOC-eligible Subject | Non-summative Assessment Availability |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| English I | Diagnostic, Practice, Interims, EAGLE |
| English II | |
| English III | EAGLE |
| Algebra | Diagnostic, Practice, Interims, EAGLE |
| Geometry | |
| Biology | EAGLE |
| US History | EAGLE |