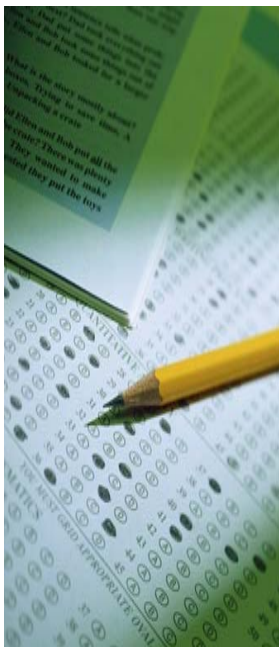


While a student will be able to take an End-of-Course exam as many times as they wish to enhance their points toward graduation, only the first EOC attempt will affect the grade for that course. Any re-tests taken by a student will only affect their cumulative EOC score toward graduation.



Accelerated instruction will be offered to any student achieving Level I—Unsatisfactory Academic Performance to aid them in achieving a Level II or Level III on subsequent re-tests.

This extra instruction may occur before, during, or after the student's normal instructional day, depending on the student's academic schedule.

School counselors will carefully monitor each student's progress toward graduation, and help them make scheduling choices to enhance their performance on their EOCs so they can stay on track.

Your attention to your child's progress will also be vital to encourage her/him to make good choices toward a high school diploma.



Where can I find more information about STAAR and End-of-Course testing?

The Texas Education Agency website provides information on the STAAR and End-of-Course testing programs:

- ◇ http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index3.aspx?id=3302&menu_id=793

The Lewisville ISD website will also be providing information on STAAR and End-of-Course exams:

- ◇ http://www.lisd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=142856&type=d&termREC_ID=&pREC_ID=277142
- ◇ A 'Frequently Asked Questions' section which will grow and offer more information as it becomes available
- ◇ Illustrations of how students will accrue the points needed to receive a High School diploma.
- ◇ Once we have more information determining grading policies, we will post scenarios illustrating the effects of EOC scores on course grades.
- ◇ Contact your school counselor at your child's campus for more information.

Please note that the information in this brochure applies primarily to incoming Freshmen for the 2011-2012 school year. Older students will remain on the TAKS testing program, and most younger students will not have to face the EOC waiver issue since the EOC tests will be fully operational from the time they begin taking courses. If you have questions about a child at any other grade level, please contact the counselor at their campus for more information.



Is your child about to begin the 9th grade?

The 2011-2012 Freshmen class will be the first group to participate in the new state-mandated testing program!



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Parent Information on STAAR End-of-Course*



12 End-of-Course tests will be used to track high school graduation readiness for the class of 2015

English I	English II	English III
Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II
Biology	Chemistry	Physics
World Geography	World History	U.S. History

- ◇ Beginning in Spring 2012, students enrolled in any of these courses will take the correlating EOC test.
- ◇ The score on the test will count as 15% of the course grade.
- ◇ Students can achieve three different performance levels on EOC tests.
 - Level III—Advanced Academic Performance*
 - Level II—Satisfactory Academic Performance*
 - Level I—Unsatisfactory Academic Performance*
- ◇ As students accrue points toward graduation, they will be striving to reach a cumulative score in each subject area. High exam scores can counteract lower scores to achieve a level allowing graduation.
- ◇ Students are allowed to retake any EOC to raise their overall cumulative score in a subject area.

Your 2011-2012 ninth grader will fit into one of several groups:

1. Students who take EOC courses in Fall 2011 will be granted a testing waiver for those courses.
2. Students who have taken EOC courses in their Middle School years will share a similar waiver.
3. Students who take EOC courses from Spring 2012 on will take the corresponding EOC exam.

Normally, scores on EOCs will count for 15% of each course grade. However, because the exams will not be offered until Spring 2012, EOC scores will not retroactively affect grades for previously completed EOC classes.

Please be aware that everything in this brochure is subject to change by a ruling from the State Commissioner of Education!

Below are some of the things we know will happen with your new 9th grader in 2011-2012:

First year ninth graders who take an EOC course will take the correlating exam beginning in Spring 2012

These tests will begin their path toward graduation under the new STAAR program.

Should they fail any EOC, students will have unlimited opportunities to retake, and pass, in the future.

Students may also re-take an EOC exam that they passed, if a greater score than achieved would be needed for graduation requirements.