



EOC 15% Update

December 15, 2011

New Graduation Requirements

Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ EOC test results must be included as 15% of the students final grade for course credit❑ Three graduation plans: Minimum (22 credits), Recommended(26 credits), Distinguished (26 credits)
Cumulative Score Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Students must take 8 to 12 End of Course (EOC) exams❑ Students must meet a Cumulative Score in each of the four subject areas❑ For a Recommended diploma, students must score Level II (Satisfactory) on the Algebra II and English III EOC❑ For a Distinguished diploma, students must score Level III (College Ready) on the Algebra II and English III EOC

Note: Students have the right to retest on the EOC as often as they wish to do so. Students will be able to retake any test, even if previously passed, to get a better score to improve their cumulative score

Cumulative Score Requirement

For each subject, adding the score for all three tests must be equal to or greater than the passing standard times the number of tests.

For example:

Level 1 (Minimum Standard) = 800

Level 2 (Passing Standard) = 1000

Level 3 (College Ready) = 1200

Math	English	Science	Social Studies	
Algebra I 800	English I 1000	Biology 900	World Geography 1100	
Geometry 1200	English II 1200	Chemistry 1100	World History 1000	
Algebra II 1000	English III 1000	Physics 1000	U.S. History 1000	
Total Score:	3000	3200	3000	3100

In the example above, if you take all three tests, the total score for that subject would have to be at least 3000.

Interdistrict Discussion Group

Region 13

- ❑ Austin ISD
- ❑ Bastrop ISD
- ❑ Comal ISD
- ❑ Del Valle ISD
- ❑ Eanes ISD
- ❑ Hutto ISD
- ❑ Lake Travis ISD
- ❑ Leander ISD
- ❑ Lockhart ISD
- ❑ Manor ISD
- ❑ Pflugerville ISD
- ❑ Round Rock ISD
- ❑ Hays CISD

Region 20

- ❑ Alamo Heights ISD
- ❑ North East ISD
- ❑ Northside ISD
- ❑ San Antonio ISD

Previously Addressed

- Policy Resolution
 - Board Approved August 24, 2011
- New Interpretation of 15% Rule
 - Report to Board September 22, 2011
- Policy EIA Local
 - Report to Board November 17, 2011
 - Board Action December 15, 2011
- Policy EIAB Local
 - Board Action December 15, 2011

Questions to be Answered

- ❑ How will course credit be awarded?
- ❑ Will EOC be used in calculating GPA and/or class rank?
- ❑ How will retest scores be used?
- ❑ Will you require students who meet minimum score requirements to be in accelerated instruction?
- ❑ Will students be required to retake the EOC until they reach the passing standard?
- ❑ How do you plan to convert EOC to a percentage score?

How will course credit be awarded?

- ❑ The statute requires the score a student receives on a STAAR EOC assessment to count for 15% of the student's final grade in the course.

- ❑ Options
 - Award by semester
 - ❑ Apply 15% equally across both semesters
 - ❑ Double weight the requirement and apply it to the second semester only (i.e. 30%)
 - Award by year
 - ❑ Apply 15% at the end of the year

- ❑ Comal ISD's recommendation is to continue to award credit by semester
 - Each semester will count as 42.5% of the student's grade
 - EOC will count as 15% of the student's grade

Will EOC be used in calculating GPA and/or class rank?

- ❑ The statute does not address GPA or class rank; however, TEA suggests that a relationship “should” exist between the 15% requirement and these other calculations.

- ❑ Comal ISD’s recommendation is to **NOT** use EOC in calculating GPA or class rank.

- ❑ **Reasons:**
 - The uniqueness of grading systems across districts throughout the state and the fact that GPA/Rank are local decisions;
 - Admission requirements for college;
 - ❑ <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/csearch/index.html>
 - Possible future legislative action to eliminate the 15% requirement; and
 - The language TEA provided saying there “should” be a relationship.
 - Best interest of the student

How will retest scores be used?

- According to the statute, students have the right to retest on the EOC as often as they wish to do so.
 - Even if previously passed, students will be able to retake any test to get a better score to improve their cumulative score

- Comal ISD will only use retest scores for the purpose of earning credit.

Will you require students who meet minimum score requirements to be in accelerated instruction?

- ❑ The statute requires school districts to provide accelerated instruction to each student who fails to perform satisfactorily (i.e. Level II) on an EOC assessment.

- ❑ Definition of Score Requirements
 - Minimum – Set below but within a reasonable range of passing
 - Satisfactory – Indicates Passing
 - Advanced – Indicates College Readiness
 - Cumulative – To graduate, a student must achieve a cumulative score in each of the four content areas (i.e. number of assessments x the scale score that indicates passing).

- ❑ Comal ISD will require students who meet the minimum score requirements to be in accelerated instruction, as required by law.

Will students be required to retake the EOC until they reach the passing standard?

- The statute requires students to meet the passing standard (Level II) [or at least achieve a pre-determined minimum score on 8-12 EOC assessments] in order to graduate from high school.

- Comal ISD will not require, but will **strongly recommend**
 - Impact on Graduation Plan
 - Minimum Plan = 22 credits
 - **Recommended Plan – 26 credits**
 - **Must score at Level II for Algebra II and English III**
 - Distinguished Plan – 26 credits
 - Must score at Level III for Algebra II and English III

 - Why Recommended Plan?
 - Texas Scholars Program
 - Colleges and universities minimally require the RHSP for admission
 - College Readiness Indicator on AEIS

How do you plan to convert EOC to a percentage score?

- TEA will not produce a common conversion table to convert EOC scale scores to a percentage score. Rather, TEA has said that the conversion of EOC scores is a local decision.

- Comal ISD recommends using an **Anchor Point Method** developed by Manor ISD's Department of Accountability and Data Analysis
 - EOC "converted grades" are anchored to EOC cut points
 - Perfect Score - 100
 - Advanced - 95
 - Satisfactory - 85
 - Minimum - 69
 - Below Minimum - 60

 - $.85(\text{Average of Sem 1 and Sem 2}) + .15(\text{cut point score})$

On the Horizon

- Questions yet to be answered:
 - Summer school operations
 - Personnel costs associated with management of EOC/grades/testing
 - PD for Counselors and HS staff
 - Communication efforts to students, teachers, and parents
 - Programming of student information management systems

Questions

