

**16 NCAC 06D .0309      REQUIREMENTS REGARDING END-OF-COURSE TESTS**

(a) All students enrolled in a course requiring an end-of-course test (EOC) in the Annual Testing Program defined in Rule .0307(c) of this Section shall participate in the administration of the EOC, either a standard administration with or without accommodations or an alternate assessment, as defined in G.S. 115C-83.3. Accommodations and alternative assessments shall be administered in accordance with 16 NCAC 06G .0315(c) and (d). This Rule shall apply to all public school units (PSUs).

(b) PSUs shall include each student's end-of-course (EOC) results in the student's permanent records and high school transcript.

(c) PSUs shall adopt policies and use results from all EOCs as a minimum of 20 percent of the student's final grade for each respective course with the exception of:

- (1) students whose Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) created under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 33 U.S.C. 1414, and regulations adopted pursuant to that Act, exclude their EOC results from their final grades;
- (2) English Learner (EL) students, as defined in 25 CFR 30.101, in their first year in a United States school; or
- (3) students enrolled in a course during the initial implementation year of the new EOC for that course where proficiency scores are not available due to standard setting.

(d) PSU students who are enrolled for credit in courses in which an EOC is required shall take the EOC.

(e) PSU students who are exempt from final exams by local board of education policy shall not be exempt from the required EOC.

(f) PSU students shall take the EOC the first time the student takes the course requiring the EOC.

(g) PSU students shall take the EOC at the end of the course regardless of the grade level in which the course is offered.

(h) PSU students who are identified as failing a course for which an EOC is required shall take the EOC.

(i) PSU students may drop a course with an EOC within the first 10 days of enrollment in a semester block schedule or within the first 20 days of enrollment in a yearlong traditional schedule. Students who are enrolled for credit after the 10 or 20 days shall not drop a course with a required EOC and shall participate in the EOC administration at the completion of the course.

(j) PSU students who obtain a proficient score on an EOC and retake that course may use their higher EOC score as a minimum of 20 percent of their final course grade.

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