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## **End of Course Tests (EOCT) Retest Administrations Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **Why are retest administrations being offered?**

Retest administrations are intended to provide an additional opportunity for students who did not meet the standard on the EOCT to demonstrate proficiency.

### **Which EOCTs will have retests available?**

Retest opportunities will be offered for all ten (10) of the EOCTs that now comprise the program. They include:

#### **English Language Arts**

Ninth Grade Literature and Composition  
American Literature and Composition

#### **Mathematics**

Mathematics I: Algebra/Geometry/Statistics  
Mathematics II: Geometry/Algebra II/Statistics  
GPS Algebra  
GPS Geometry

#### **Science**

Biology  
Physical Science

#### **Social Studies**

United States History  
Economics/Business/Free Enterprise

### **Which students are eligible to participate in an EOCT retest administration?**

- Students who **passed** the course, but who **did not meet** the standard on the associated EOCT.
- Students who **did not pass** the course and who also **did not meet** the associated EOCT.

Consideration should be given to whether a retest would be in a student's best interest.

### **How often can eligible students take a retest?**

Eligible students may participate in a retest administration only once per EOCT for the given semester and/or year in which the student was enrolled in the associated course. For example, a student who fails a Biology EOCT in winter 2011 is eligible to participate in any of the retest windows that follow the winter 2011 administration. However, the student is limited to one retest opportunity stemming from the winter 2011 administration in this given example.

### **Is it required that eligible students participate in the retest?**

No. Retests are being offered as an additional opportunity for students who did not meet the standard to demonstrate their proficiency. It is important to note that the provision of retest opportunities does not alter the Secondary Assessment Transition Plan adopted by the State Board of Education in April 2011.

### **When should eligible students take a retest?**

Students who are eligible to retest should do so only after having completed a targeted period of remediation designed by their local system/school.

### **When will retest administrations be available?**

Retest opportunities will be made available for EOCTs taken during the winter 2011 administration and beyond. Retests are not provided for EOCTs taken prior to the winter 2011 administration.

### **How often will retest administrations be offered?**

Retest administrations will be offered several times during the school year. In most cases, they will occur in conjunction with Mid-month windows. The first retest administration window will be available in January 2012. Please refer to the state testing calendar for specific dates.

### **How will the retests be offered?**

Retest administrations will be administered online. A system may request paper/pencil materials for a student who has a disability that requires those materials in order to access the test. For instance, Braille and Large Print test booklets will be available.

**What is the difference between a mid-month test administration and a retest administration?**

Retest opportunities are provided for students who have already taken an EOCT and did not meet the standard. On the other hand, mid-month administrations are an opportunity, in addition to the main administrations, for students who:

- (1) hold an Incomplete as a course grade because they did not test when required;
- (2) have enrolled from a non-accredited setting and who are seeking to have credit awarded for the associated EOCT course; and
- (3) have completed a course or credit recovery at the time of the mid-month administration and are ready to take the EOCT as their final exam.

**Is a student who enrolls in a public high school from a non-accredited setting eligible for a retest if they take, and do not meet the standard on, the EOCT that they took for the purposes of gaining course credit?**

No. Students who transfer from a non-accredited setting are provided one opportunity to take and pass the EOCT in order to have credit awarded. For example, if a student who has been home schooled enrolls in a Georgia public high school, takes the EOCT to earn credit, but does not pass the test, the student must enroll in the course. The student would take the EOCT again at the conclusion of that course.

**Can an EOCT retest score be used to amend a student's original course grade?**

This is a local school system decision.