

Where can I find out more about EOCT?

Talk with your student's teacher or school principal. They can provide specific information about EOCT courses and the dates when your child may be taking EOCT this year. Tools to help your student prepare for the EOCT are available on-line at the GaDOE's website: www.doe.k12.ga.us.

What do the EOCT measure?

The EOCT assess specific knowledge and skills in the following eight subjects:

Algebra I

- Algebraic Fundamentals
- Operations on Numbers and Expressions
- Equations and Inequalities
- Functions and Graphs
- Connections and Applications

Geometry

- Logic and Reasoning
- Points, Lines, Planes, and Angles
- Congruence and Similarity
- Polygons and Circles
- Perimeter, Area, and Volume
- Coordinate, Transformational, and Three-Dimensional Geometry

United States History

- Social Studies Skills: Maps, Timelines, and Research
- Colonization to the Constitution
- A New Nation (1790-1860)
- Civil War, Reconstruction, and the Industrial Age (1860-1910)
- World Power and Domestic Reform (1896-1940)
- The Modern Era (1940 - Present)

Economics/Business/Free Enterprise

- Economic Concepts
- Producers and Consumers
- Microeconomics: Elements in the Marketplace
- Macroeconomics: The National Economy
- The International Economy

American Literature and Composition

- Reading and American Literature
- Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Viewing Across the Curriculum
- Writing
- Conventions

Ninth Grade Literature and Composition

- Reading and Literature
- Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Viewing Across the Curriculum
- Writing
- Conventions

Physical Science

- Chemistry: Atomic and Nuclear Theory and the Periodic Table
- Chemistry: Chemical Reactions and Properties of Matter
- Physics: Energy, Force, and Motion
- Physics: Waves, Electricity, and Magnetism

Biology

- Cells
- Organisms
- Genetics
- Ecology
- Evolution

GEORGIA'S END-OF-COURSE TESTS (EOCT)



Questions and Answers for
Parents of Georgia Students

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What are End-of-Course Tests or EOCT?

End-of-Course Tests are state-mandated achievement tests that measure how well students are performing in four core subject areas. Students take the EOCT at the conclusion of eight high school courses, two in each subject area. These include:

English/Language Arts

Ninth Grade Literature and Composition
American Literature and Composition

Mathematics

Algebra I
Geometry

Science

Physical Science
Biology

Social Studies

United States History
Economics/Business/Free Enterprise

What is the purpose of the EOCT?

Georgia's statewide curriculum, known as the Georgia Performance Standards, sets specific academic standards or expectations for all students in Georgia's public schools by defining what knowledge and skills a student should have mastered by the end of a course. The EOCT measure the extent to which students have met the academic standards of eight core high school courses. The results help parents, teachers, schools, and other administrative officials identify strengths and weaknesses in individual student learning and monitor student progress throughout the high school career, giving students the opportunity for enrichment or remediation. The results of the EOCT will also be used to help make instruction



more effective and to ensure that all Georgia students have access to a rigorous curriculum that meets high academic standards.

When do students take the EOCT?

Any student enrolled in and/or receiving credit for an EOCT course, regardless of grade level, is required to take the EOCT upon completion of that course. The EOCT can be administered via a paper-and-pencil test or in an online format. There are three administrations of the EOCT each school year: fall/winter, spring, and summer. Each test is administered in two sections of 45-60 minutes each. Your local school district will decide on either a one-day or two-day test administration schedule.

How do the EOCT affect the student's grade?

The EOCT are the final exams for the EOCT courses. The student's final grade in the EOCT course will be calculated using the course grade as

85% and the EOCT score as 15%. The student must have a final course grade of 70 or above to pass the course and to earn credit toward graduation.

How are test results used?

The EOCT score reports are developed to provide individual students, parents, classroom teachers, administrators, and other community members reliable and valid test results. Reports are generated for each of the following:

Students – to identify strengths and weaknesses of content knowledge and skills

Teachers – to determine if students have mastered the required content knowledge and skills and to identify strengths and weaknesses for instructional planning

School/System/State Summaries – to determine if Georgia schools are providing students the opportunity to learn the state-required curriculum; to analyze student progress so that schools can provide a rigorous curriculum to prepare all students for future success

What materials are available to prepare students for the EOCT?

EOCT Study Guides (available on the Department of Education website at www.doe.k12.ga.us) provide information to Georgia students, parents, and teachers about how to prepare for EOCT. The Study Guides include general test-taking strategies and study skills, sample test items, and suggestions for studying for the EOCT.

EOCT Content Descriptions (also available at www.doe.k12.ga.us) provide students, parents, and educators with detailed information about the knowledge and skills that are assessed by the EOCT.

Do students with disabilities or students with limited English proficiency have to take the EOCT?

Yes. State rules, the federal requirements of *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB), and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) mandate that all students participate in the state assessment program. All students enrolled in and/or receiving course credit for an EOCT course are required to take the EOCT upon completion of that course.

While neither an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) team, LEP/TPC team, Individualized Accommodation Plan (IAP), nor a parent can request that a student be exempted from the state's assessment program, certain accommodations are allowed on all state assessments when needed.

Will the EOCT change with the new statewide curriculum?

Yes. As the new Georgia Performance Standards are implemented in classrooms across the state, the EOCT will also change to reflect the new curriculum.

