

Addendum to the 2011 – 2012 Student Assessment Handbook

EOCT Retest Administrations

EOCT Retest Administrations are being made available beginning in winter 2011 to further enhance the program and to provide an opportunity for students who did not meet the standard to demonstrate their proficiency.

Eligibility for retests

The following students are eligible to participate in EOCT retest administrations:

- 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 standard on the associated EOCT.

Consideration should be given to whether or not retesting is in the student's best interest.

Retests are **not** provided for EOCTs that were taken prior to the winter 2011 administration. Consideration should be given to whether a retest would be in a student's best interest. Students are not required to participate in retest administrations. It is important to note that the availability of retest opportunities does not alter the Secondary Assessment Transition Plan adopted by the State Board of Education in April 2011.

Students who passed the EOCT are not eligible to retest, regardless of whether they passed the course or not. Furthermore, the retest may not be utilized for the sole purpose of providing students the opportunity to earn a passing EOCT score that can stand in lieu of a passing Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) score (as provided for under the terms of the Secondary Assessment Transition Plan). Only students enrolled in the course the previous semester and who meet the criteria above may participate in the retest, beginning in winter 2011.

Eligible students may participate in a retest administration only once for the semester/year in which the student was enrolled in the associated course. For example, a student who did not meet standard on the Biology EOCT in winter 2011 is eligible to participate in any of the retest windows that follow the winter 2011 administration within the 2011-2012 school year. The student is limited to one retest opportunity.

Administration of retests

All EOCT retest administrations must be administered online through Pearson Access. Specific form numbers will be assigned for each EOCT that will identify them in Pearson Access as the designated retest form.

Systems may request paper/pencil materials for a student with a disability that prevents the student from accessing the assessment in an online format. Braille and Large Print will be available for students who require these formats. Please note that Pearson Access has the ability to deliver a large print version online.

Retest administrations will be offered multiple times during the year. In most cases, they will occur in conjunction with the Mid-Month windows. Additionally, to provide needed flexibility for systems and schools, these windows (both retest and Mid-Month) will be two weeks in length. Systems may retest at any time during the defined state retest windows. Retests should NOT be conducted during the spring and winter Main Administration windows. All students who are eligible to retest should do so after having completed a targeted period of remediation designed by their local system/school.

Individual subject areas should continue to be administered on the same or consecutive days within a system. Make-up opportunities must be provided for students who are absent during testing. If a student is absent on the day of testing and misses all make-up opportunities during the testing window, districts may assign that student a grade of "Incomplete" and allow them to make up during the next available testing window. After sufficient attempts have been made, schools may issue a zero for the applicable percentage of the final course grade, or an Incomplete. Document all attempts to test students and notify parents.

Resources

The following System Readiness Tools are available for districts to support online testing:

- System Checks: TestNav, Network User Capacity, Testing Volume Calculator
- Infrastructure Trial
- One-on-one training on PearsonAccess

For use of the above-mentioned resources, please contact the Pearson Customer Call Center at (888) 705-9414.

The Test Coordinators and Examiner's Manuals and presentations related to the EOCT program are posted on the Georgia Department of Education's website. To access these documents, go to: http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/ci_testing.aspx?PageReq=CI_TESTING_EOCT.