

Secondary Assessment Transition

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- The *Secondary Assessment Transition Plan* was approved by the State Board of Education on April 13, 2011.
- This plan provides for the phasing out of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) and an increased “weight” of the End of Course Tests (EOCT).
- All students will continue to be required to take and pass the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHS WT).



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- In April the State Board of Education voted to adopt amendments to two rules:
 - Rule 160-3-1-.07: Testing Programs – Student Assessment
(<http://public.doe.k12.ga.us/documents/doe/legalservices/160-3-1-.07.pdf>)
 - Rule 160-4-2-.13: Statewide Passing Score
(<http://public.doe.k12.ga.us/documents/doe/legalservices/160-4-2-.13.pdf>)



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- **Cohort 1:** Students entering grade nine for the first time during the 2011-2012 school year and beyond

Testing Rule Amendments for this cohort include:

- Removing the Georgia High School Graduation Tests as a requirement for graduation.
- Retaining the requirement to pass the Georgia High School Writing Test.

Statewide Passing Score Rule amendments include:

- Increasing the contribution of EOCT to the course grade to 20%.
 - NOTE: Students would not be required to pass the EOCT to graduate but must pass the course to earn credit.



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- **Cohort 2:** Students currently in high school (entered grade nine for the first time between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2011)

Testing Rule Amendments for this cohort include:

- Flexibility – allowing a passing score on one of the two EOCTs in each content area to serve as an alternate demonstration of proficiency and stand in lieu of the requirement to pass the corresponding content area GHSGT.
- Retaining the requirement to pass the Georgia High School Writing Test.

Statewide Passing Score Rule amendments include:

- Retaining the contribution of the EOCT to the course grade at 15%.



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	Ninth Graders	Tenth Graders	Eleventh Graders	Twelfth Graders
2011 / 2012	EOCT = 20% of course grade Pass the GHSWT	EOCT = 15% of course grade [Pass one EOCT in each of the four content areas <u>or</u> pass the corresponding subject test of GHSGT] Pass GHSWT	EOCT = 15% of course grade [Pass one EOCT in each of the four content areas <u>or</u> pass the corresponding subject test of GHSGT] Pass GHSWT	EOCT = 15% of course grade [Pass one EOCT in each of the four content areas <u>or</u> pass the corresponding subject test of GHSGT] Pass GHSWT
2012 / 2013	EOCT = 20% of course grade Pass the GHSWT	EOCT = 20% of course grade Pass the GHSWT	EOCT = 15% of course grade [Pass one EOCT in each of the four content areas <u>or</u> pass the corresponding subject test of GHSGT] Pass GHSWT	EOCT = 15% of course grade [Pass one EOCT in each of the four content areas <u>or</u> pass the corresponding subject test of GHSGT] Pass GHSWT
2013 / 2014	EOCT = 20% of course grade Pass the GHSWT	EOCT = 20% of course grade Pass the GHSWT	EOCT = 20% of course grade Pass the GHSWT	EOCT = 15% of course grade [Pass one EOCT in each of the four content areas <u>or</u> pass the corresponding subject test of GHSGT] Pass GHSWT
2014 / 2015	Common Core Assessment Implementation (Language Arts & Mathematics) EOCT = 20% (Science & Social Studies)	Common Core Assessment Implementation (Language Arts & Mathematics) EOCT = 20% (Science & Social Studies)	Common Core Assessment Implementation (Language Arts & Mathematics) EOCT = 20% (Science & Social Studies)	EOCT = 20% of course grade Pass the GHSWT

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Changes go into effect beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

Cohort 1

Students who enter grade 9 for the first time in SY2011 -2012 or after

- Must pass the GHSWT to be eligible for diploma
- Are not required to take or pass GHSGT (test not administered)
- Are required to pass courses* associated with EOCT, with EOCT contributing 20% to course grade
- Are not required to pass EOCT

*In science, students may take Physical Science or Physics (no EOCT for Physics).

Cohort 2

Students who entered grade 9 for the first time between July 2008 and June 2011

- Must pass the GHSWT to be eligible for diploma
- Must pass one of the two subject-area EOCT or the corresponding subject-area GHSGT
- Are required to pass courses associated with EOCT, with EOCT contributing 15% to course grade



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- This transition plan was developed in consideration of the planned implementation of Common Core Assessments in 2014-2015.
- Beginning in 2011-2012 , Adequate Yearly Progress would be calculated using EOCT scores for selected courses.
 - AYP would be calculated by course (such as American Literature).



Next Steps for Secondary Assessment Transition

- Amend other related State Board Rules such as:
 - Rule 160-1-3-.09: Waivers and Variances of High School Graduation Assessments
 - Rule 160-5-1-.07: Student Data Collection
 - Include EOCT scores on transcript



Questions

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