



End of Course Assessments

Change is on the way - Effective 2022-2023 School Year!



What are end of course assessments?

Previous High School Assessment Requirements

- Students are required to take the following courses:
 - Algebra 1
 - English 10
 - Government
 - Life Science (Biology)
- At the end of those courses, students must take the state assessment* for that content
- Assessments do not affect a student's grade

New High School Assessment Requirements Passed in 2021 by the MD Board of Education:

- Students are required to take the following courses:
 - Algebra 1
 - English 10
 - Government
 - Life Science (Biology)
- Students must take the state assessment for that content and it will count toward 20% of their final grade
 - Basically, a state required final exam
- Students must pass the course to graduate



Who will this effect?

- In June 2022, a waiver was approved to postpone the new requirements to 2023-2024.
- An additional waiver has been proposed, that will only target government and science
 - Until this waiver is approved, English and Algebra are still required
- Incoming 9th graders for the 2023-2024 school year, will be held accountable for the new assessments and graduation requirements.
- Our current DCPS grading procedure requires final exams to count as 5% of a student's final grade.
 - These new EOC assessments will count as 20% of a student's final grade

What Are the Effects?

CURRENT DCPS PROCEDURES

- Student A is enrolled in Government during 2022-2023.
- After taking their MCAP Government assessment they complete a district made assessment or project.
- The assessment/project makes up 5% of the final grade.

Student Grade	Exam Score	Final Grade
82% in the class before final.	68% in the class before final.	81.3% final grade

EOC MSDE PROCEDURES

- Student B is enrolled in Government during 2023-2024.
- After taking their MCAP Government within a few weeks their score will be converted to a percentage grade.
- The MCAP percentage will be 20% of the final grade.

Student Grade	MCAP Score	Final Grade
82% in the class before final.	68% on the Government MCAP	79.5% final grade

If a student fails the course, he/she must take the course again!



What needs to be done?

- Work with teachers to revise our pacing plans to ensure all assessed content is completed before the state end of course exam
- Train our 8-12 grade school counselors on the new graduation requirements
 - Revise our course registration forms
- Review and revise our grading procedures to align with the new requirements
- **Communicate, Communicate, Communicate!**