

OSPI End-of-Course Math and Science Exam Policies

In spring 2011, Superintendent Randy Dorn's proposed legislation on math ([House Bill 1412](#)) and science ([House Bill 1410](#)) was signed into law, changing the math and science assessment graduation requirements. The law has the following impact for students:

- **Students in the class of 2012** are not affected by this legislation. Those students can meet the math requirement by passing one state math exam or by earning two credits of math after 10th grade. Those students shall take only one end-of-course (EOC) exam per testing administration.
- **Students in the classes of 2013 and 2014** are required to pass only one math EOC exam and are no longer required to pass a science exam. Those students shall only take one math exam each testing administration. Their first math retake opportunity will be in winter 2012.
- **Beginning with the class of 2015**, students are required to pass two math EOCs and the biology EOC. Those students can take two math EOC exams (algebra 1 and geometry, or the integrated math equivalents) per testing administration and will first take the biology EOC in spring 2012 if in the class.

Important Science Note: Students in the class of 2014 (current 10th graders) are required to take the biology EOC in spring 2012 whether they are in the course or not. This meets the federal AYP requirement for students to test in science in high school. Students in the classes of 2012 and 2013 are not required to take the biology EOC, even if they are in the class because it is not a graduation requirement.

For further guidance on each class, see below. For ease of reading, the math EOC exams will be referred to as **algebra 1 EOC** (meaning algebra 1 and integrated 1) and **geometry EOC** (meaning geometry and integrated 2), and **Year 1 retake** and **Year 2 retake** exams:

Current 9th graders or below (students in the class of 2015 and beyond)

Students taking a math end-of-course exam in 7th or 8th grade must also take the math Measurements of Student Progress for AYP purposes. Students in 8th grade taking the biology EOC must also take the 8th grade science MSP. For students taking an EOC in 9th grade or below, their EOC score can be banked for their 10th grade AYP requirement if they pass the exam.

MATH

Students taking an algebra 1 course in 2011-12 would ...

- take the algebra 1 EOC in spring 2012.
- if needed, take the Year 1 retake exam in winter 2013, **AND**
- take the geometry EOC in spring 2013, if enrolled in the course, and the Year 1 retake, if needed.

Students taking a geometry course in 2011-12 would ...

- take the geometry EOC in spring 2012.
- if needed, take the Year 1 retake exam in winter and/or spring 2012, **AND**
- if needed, take the Year 1 and/or Year 2 retake exam in winter 2013.

Students taking an algebra 2 course or higher in 2011-12 would ...

- if needed, take the Year 1 and/or Year 2 retake exam in winter 2012, **AND**
- if needed, take the Year 1 and/or Year 2 retake exam in spring 2012.

Students not in an algebra 1 or geometry course in 2011-12 would ...

- wait until enrolled in an EOC course or in 10th grade, both for AYP and graduation purposes.

SCIENCE

Students taking a biology course in 2011-12 would ...

- take the biology EOC in spring 2012.

Students not taking a biology course in 2011-12 would ...

- wait to take the biology EOC in spring 2013.



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Current 10th graders (students in class of 2014)

MATH

Students taking an algebra 1 course in 2011-12 would ...

- take the algebra 1 EOC in spring 2012.
- if needed, take the Year 1 retake exam in winter 2013, **AND/OR**
- take the geometry EOC in spring 2013.

Students taking a geometry course in 2011-12 would ...

- take the geometry EOC in spring 2012.
- If needed, take the Year 1 retake in winter 2012.
- if needed, take the Year 1 or Year 2 retake exam in winter 2013.

Students taking an algebra 2 course or higher in 2011-12 would ...

- if needed, take the Year 1 or Year 2 retake exam in winter and/or spring 2012

Students who have not yet taken an algebra 1 or geometry course by 2011-12 would ...

- take the Year 1 retake exam, both for AYP and graduation purposes, in spring 2012.

SCIENCE

Students taking a biology course in 2011-12 would ...

- take the biology EOC in spring 2012.

Students not taking a biology course in 2011-12 would ...

- take the biology EOC in spring 2012 for AYP purposes.

Current 11th graders (Students in class of 2013)

MATH

Students taking a geometry course in 2011-12 would ...

- take the geometry EOC in spring 2012.
- if needed, take the Year 1 retake exam in winter 2012.
- if needed, take the Year 1 or Year 2 retake exam in winter 2013 and/or spring 2013.

Students taking an algebra 1 course in 2011-12 would ...

- take the algebra 1 EOC in spring 2012.
- if needed, take the Year 1 retake exam in winter 2013, **AND/OR**
- take the geometry EOC in spring 2013, if enrolled in the course.

Students not in an algebra 1 or geometry course in 2011-12 would ...

- if needed, take the Year 1 or Year 2 retake exam in winter and/or spring 2012, **AND/OR**
- if needed, take the Year 1 or Year 2 retake exam in winter 2013 and/or spring 2013.

SCIENCE

- Students are not required to take the biology EOC.

Current 12th graders (students in class of 2012)

- Students who have already passed a state math exam, do not need to take an EOC.
- Students who are earning two credits of math after 10th grade do not need to take EOC in winter or spring 2012 if they have a valid attempt on a state math exam (math HSPE or EOC).
- Students in an EOC course can pass an EOC exam to meet the math graduation requirement.
- 12th graders who do not have a valid attempt on the math HSPE must take an EOC in winter or spring 2012 in order to be eligible to graduate.
- Students are not required to take the biology EOC.

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