

EARNING UNITS OF HIGH SCHOOL COURSE CREDIT BY TESTING-OUT

1. State Board rule dictates that students may demonstrate subject area competency by “testing-out” of any course that has an associated Milestones End of Course assessment (EOC).
2. A unit of course credit is awarded to students who reach the highest level of performance on an EOC assessment prior to taking the course associated with that assessment.
3. Students have only one opportunity per course to test-out.
4. At this time, a student may earn up to three credits by testing-out.
5. Students must meet the following requirements to earn course credit through the test-out option:
 - a) Not currently or previously enrolled in the course;
 - b) Have earned a grade of B or better in a content area course that is the same content area of the course for which the student is attempting the EOC assessment;
 - c) Received a teacher recommendation from a teacher in the same content area
 - d) Received parent/guardian permission as stated by the Local Board of Education
6. Students will not be permitted to test-out of a course and then enroll in the same course at a later time.
7. Students who do not reach the highest level of performance when attempting to test-out must enroll in and complete the associated course and retake the EOC assessment even if the students makes a passing grade on the assessment during the test-out attempt.
8. Students who are currently enrolled or who have previously been enrolled in a higher-level course are not allowed to earn credit by later attempting to test-out of a lower level course. For example, a student already taking AP Physics may not earn credit for Physical Science by testing-out.
9. For students who successfully test-out of a course, the EOC assessment grade conversion score will be recorded on the transcript as the course grade, and the transcript will reflect that the course was completed through the test-out option. That score will also be used in the calculation of the student’s Grade Point Average (GPA). No additional points or weighting will be added to the exam score.
10. Under NCAA requirements, units of credit earned through testing-out using the EOC assessment will not count as a core course credit for athletic aid for any student seeking NCAA Division I or II athletic scholarships. Please see www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org for more information.
11. The EOC assessments will be administered in an online format. Students will be charged a fee of \$50.00 per test as established by the Georgia Department of Education. This fee must be paid prior to test administration. The fee will be refunded for students who meet the eligibility criteria and achieve the highest level of performance on the EOC assessment.
12. At this time, The Georgia Student Finance Commission will include this score in the calculation for the HOPE Scholarship/Grant Program.
13. Students wishing to participate in the test-out option must submit the ***Test-out Option Student Registration Form*** to the designated school administrator by February 1. Registration forms may be obtained from the school guidance office. As the form requires the sign-off of the guidance counselor, teacher, and parent, students must acquire the form in time to allow for all parties to complete their part of the form.
14. Test-out EOC assessments will be administered during the week of March 13.

The deadline for students to submit the fully completed ***Test-Out Option Student Registration Form*** to their **School Test Coordinator (Asst. Principal)** is March 8.