

2015–16 Courses for Credit Requiring the North Carolina READY End-of-Course Assessment

According to State Board of Education policy GCS-C-003, students who are enrolled for credit in courses in which end-of-course (EOC) assessments are required shall take the appropriate EOC assessment at the completion of the course. Students may drop a course with an EOC assessment within the first 10 days of enrollment in a semester/4x4 course or within the first 20 days of enrollment in a traditional yearlong course. Students who are enrolled for credit after the 10/20 days, regardless of course delivery (e.g., traditional classroom, NC Virtual Public School, vendor-based online), must participate in the appropriate EOC assessment (i.e., READY EOC general assessment with or without accommodations). Each student must take the appropriate EOC assessment the first time the student takes the course even if the course is an Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) course. Students who are exempt from final exams by local board of education policy must not be exempt from EOC assessments. Students, who are identified as failing a course for which an EOC assessment is required, must take the appropriate EOC assessment.

Students Identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP) First Year Exempt. Students identified as LEP who score below Level 4.0 Expanding on the reading subtest of the WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT™) and are in their first year in U.S. schools are not eligible to be assessed on the READY EOC English II assessment. These students are required to participate in the administration of the Math I and Biology EOC assessments if enrolled in courses that require the administration of the assessment. EOC scores (i.e., Math I and Biology) obtained by these students will not be used in status, growth, or progress calculations for accountability purposes.

*Students Enrolled for Credit in Courses in which EOC Assessments Are Required and Have a Proficient EOC Test Score.*¹ Students enrolled in courses that require the administration of the EOC assessment and obtained a proficient score previously on the EOC test may use the proficient EOC score as at least 20% of their final grade or they may elect to take the appropriate NC READY EOC assessment at the completion of the course.

Note: Students following the Occupational Course of Study are not required to use the EOC test score as at least 20% of the final grade.

*Students Enrolled for Credit in Courses in which EOC Assessments Are Required and Do Not Have a Proficient EOC Test Score.*¹ Students enrolled in courses that require the administration of the EOC assessment but have not obtained a proficient score on the EOC assessment before 2015–16 must take the appropriate READY EOC assessment at the completion of the course. The score must be used as at least 20% of the student's final grade with the exception of students following the Occupational Course of Study.

¹ Before the 2013–14 school year, proficient was defined as a score of Level 3 or 4. Effective with the 2013–14 school year, proficient is defined as a score of Level 3, 4, or 5. (Additional information on current achievement levels can be found at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/accountability/policyoperations/assessbriefs/assessbrief5levels14.pdf>.) Students with a previous proficient score have the option to retake the EOC assessment again if enrolled in a course requiring the assessment for the current school year. If a student's previous proficient score (i.e., proficient score before 2013–14) is used for accountability reporting in the current school year, this score will be converted to the 2013–14 proficiency standards (i.e., Level 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5).

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Students enrolled in Credit Recovery Courses. Students enrolled in Credit Recovery courses must be administered the appropriate EOC assessment no later than 30 days upon completion of the course.

Advanced Placement (AP) Biology, International Baccalaureate (IB) Biology, Biology II, and General Biology II Courses. Students enrolled in AP Biology, IB Biology, Biology II, and General Biology II courses must be administered the appropriate EOC assessment at the completion of the course with the exception of students who have (1) previously obtained a test score from the EOC assessment or (2) transferred from out-of-state or from a non-public school and the principal authorized course credit as having participated in the assessment by recording the appropriate reason code in PowerSchool. Students meeting these exceptions are not eligible to take the EOC assessment.

Refer to the chart below for a list of course codes that require the administration of the appropriate EOC assessment at the completion of the course during the 2015–16 school year.

| Course Code (first 4 characters) | Course Name | Required EOC Assessment |
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| 1022 | English II | English II |
| 9211B ¹ | English II | English II |
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| 2103 | Math I | Math I |
| 9221B ¹ | Math I | Math I |
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| 3C07 | General Biology II | Biology |
| 3A00 | AP Biology | Biology |
| 3I00 | IB Biology SL | Biology |
| 3I01 | IB Biology HL | Biology |
| 3320 | Biology | Biology |
| 3321 | Biology II | Biology |
| 9232B ¹ | Biology | Biology |

¹Students enrolled in Occupational Course of Study (OCS) English II, Math I, and Biology are required to take the associated End-of-Course (EOC) assessment upon completion of the course.

For questions regarding course codes, contact local district curriculum and instruction personnel.