Frequently Asked Questions

Georgia Milestones Assessment System

End of Course Assessments
Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate Courses

Adoption of Amended SBOE Rule 160-3-1-.07 Testing Programs – Student Assessment:
Amended SBOE Rule 160-3-1-.07 Testing Programs – Student Assessment exempts a student from taking the End of Course (EOC) assessment for a core subject course if he or she passes an Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) course in a related subject. Grades earned in AP or IB courses, in this situation, shall be used in the state accountability system.

Which EOCs are required regardless of AP/IB course enrollment?
Students enrolled in the following courses must take the corresponding EOC to satisfy federal accountability requirements:
- Ninth Grade Literature and Composition
- Algebra I or Coordinate Algebra
- Biology

Which EOCs can AP/IB students exempt?
Students enrolled in the following AP or IB courses are exempt from the EOC:
- American Literature and Composition
- United States History
- Economics

Besides those courses required for federal accountability, are there any other core courses for which EOCs are still required?
Yes. EOCs are required for core courses that do not have related AP or IB courses. Those courses include the following:
- Geometry or Analytic Geometry
- Physical Science

When does this rule take effect?
Amendments to SBOE rules take effect 20 days after adoption. This amendment took effect on November 27, 2019. Therefore, students enrolled in and completing eligible AP/IB courses beginning in Winter 2019 are exempt from the EOC. Districts will need to comply with the testing rule in effect at the time students are completing courses and final grades are being issued.
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**Are students required to take the AP/IB exam in order to exempt the EOC?**

Students are not required to take the AP/IB exam to be exempt from the EOC. The rule change specifies that a student is exempt from taking the EOC for a core subject course if he or she passes an AP or IB course designated as a substitute in the *State-Funded List of K-8 Subjects and 9-12 Courses* document.

**Can students take the EOC if they are exempt?**

No. The intent of the SBOE rule amendment is to reduce unnecessary high-stakes testing. Students who exempt the EOC by taking and passing a related AP or IB core subject course shall not take the EOC.

**If a student fails the AP/IB course, when will he or she take the EOC?**

The student will take the EOC when the student takes the EOC course for core credit.

**Where can the list of EOC-required courses be found?**

The [EOC Course List](#) is available online.

**How will this change affect CCRPI?**

CCRPI will utilize the same business rules as the dual enrollment exemption. For eligible AP/IB courses for which a student has not already earned core credit in a previous year:

- students earning an A (90-100) shall count as “Distinguished Learners,”
- students earning a B (80-89) or C (70-79) shall count as “Proficient Learners,” and
- students earning less than a C (70) shall count as “Beginning Learners” in CCRPI indicators that utilize achievement levels.

It is critical that students are enrolled using the correct course codes, as course codes will determine whether CCRPI utilizes a grade or looks for an EOC.