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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Pam Stewart

DATE: March 2, 2012

SUBJECT: Students Required to Complete End-of-Course Assessments

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There have been many questions about which students are required to complete statewide end-of-course (EOC) assessments. For the EOC assessments that are required for high school graduation (Algebra 1, Geometry, and Biology), all students must participate in and pass these assessments, including those in accelerated courses or programs. If an accelerated course is being used to meet a student's high school graduation requirement for courses that require passing a statewide EOC, the student must participate in and pass the subject area EOC assessment.

- Beginning with the 2011-12 ninth-grade cohort, all students are required to participate in and pass the Algebra 1 EOC assessment to earn the required credit in Algebra 1.
- Beginning with the 2011-12 ninth-grade cohort, all students enrolled in Biology or Geometry are required to participate in the Biology or Geometry EOC assessment; the 2011-12 ninth-grade cohort assessment results must count as 30 percent of the final course grade average.
- Beginning with the 2012-13 ninth-grade cohort, all students enrolled in Biology and Geometry are required to participate in and pass the Biology and Geometry EOC assessments to earn the required credits in Biology 1 and Geometry.

Beginning in 2012-13, all students enrolled in U.S. History or U.S. History Honors will be required to participate in the U.S. History EOC. The results of this assessment must count as 30 percent of the final course grade average. Students who meet the U.S. History course graduation requirement through completion of an accelerated course will not be required to participate in the U.S. History EOC. Students who have a passing course average will meet the high school graduation credit requirement.

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If you have any further questions regarding which students are required to complete end-of-course assessments, you may contact either Trinity Colson, Manager of the Course Code Directory, at (850) 245-9543 or via email at Trinity.Colson@fldoe.org, or Ann Whitney, Director of the Office of Humanities, at (850) 245-9965 or via email at Ann.Whitney@fldoe.org.

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