## Redmond High School Math End-Of-Course (EOC) exam FAQs

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- 1. What are the graduation requirements surrounding mathematics state testing?
  - Class of 2012:
    - Have already passed the Math HSPE, WASL or EOC in a previous year, **OR**:
    - Pass one of the Math EOC exams (Algebra 1 or Geometry), OR:
    - Get a 470 or above on the Math SAT, a 19 or above on the math ACT, or a 3 or higher on the AP Calculus or AP Statistics exam (must submit a form to the state), **OR**:
    - Get 2 credits of math after 10<sup>th</sup> grade (must be progressively more challenging).
    - NOTE: the HSPE/WASL/EOC must be attempted at least once prior to accessing the alternatives, and it must be attempted each year until an alternative has been met.
  - Class of 2013 and 2014:
    - Have already passed the Math HSPE, WASL or EOC in a previous year, **OR**:
    - Pass one of the Math EOC exams (Algebra 1 or Geometry), **OR**:
    - Get a 470 or above on the Math SAT, a 19 or above on the math ACT, or a 3 or higher on the AP Calculus or AP Statistics exam (must submit a form to the state), **OR**:
    - Create a collection of evidence (rarely used).
    - NOTE: the HSPE/WASL/EOC must be attempted at least once prior to accessing the alternatives, and it must be attempted each year until an alternative has been met.

## 2. What are the "End of Course" (EOC) exams?

The "End of Course" (EOC) exams have replaced the mathematics HSPE, which replaced the WASL. Instead of taking a generalized math exam in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, students take an Algebra 1 "EOC" exam and a Geometry "EOC" exam during the years that they are actually enrolled in these courses.

- My student is already past Algebra 1 and/or Geometry. How will he or she take the EOC exams? The state is offering "Makeup EOC" exams. There is a testing date on Wednesday, February 1 and there will likely be another window at the end of the year.
- 4. What is the difference between "EOCs" and "Makeup EOCs"?

The EOCs are for students who are currently in an Algebra 1 course or a Geometry course. The "Makeup EOCs" are for students who have already completed Algebra and Geometry, and who are either in a higher level math class or who are not enrolled in math.

My student took the EOC last year but did not pass (or, my student missed last year's EOC). Does he or she have to wait until the end of the year to try again?
 There is an opportunity on Wednesday, February 1 for students who took the EOC but did not pass or students who missed last year's EOC. Master lists will be posted for room assignments.

- 6. Where do I get the form to submit SAT or ACT scores to the state? The form may be found on the OSPI website at this address: <u>http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/CAAoptions/pubdocs/1632.pdf</u>
- 7. My student has achieved the necessary score on the ACT or SAT, but we have not submitted the form to the state. Does my student need to take the EOC?Yes. Until the state has the required documentation, it will be assumed that students must take the EOC exams.
- 8. My student, who is in the class of 2012, is going to complete his or her 2 math credits after 10<sup>th</sup> grade this year. Does he or she have to take the math EOC exams?
  Yes. Until we know with absolute certainty that a student has completed the math credits (that is at the end of the year), they will be scheduled to take the exams. This is a district-wide policy.
- 9. My student is currently enrolled in Geometry and will therefore take the Geometry EOC exam in class. Does he or she still need to take the Algebra makeup exam, given that all current high school students only need to pass one exam?

Most likely, yes. Until we know with absolute certainty that a student has completed the math graduation requirements, that student will be signed up for all possible test-taking opportunities to ensure the best chance of passing. We are still formulating the details of this policy and will provide more information as it becomes available.

10. My student passed the HSPE or WASL in a previous year. Does he or she have to take the math EOC exams?

No. The EOC is replacing the HSPE/WASL, so a prior year's passing score satisfies the requirement.

11. What is the testing schedule?

Details of the schedule are TBD, but in general EOCs will take place during the last 3 weeks of the school year.

12. Do the EOC tests have a time limit?

No. If students need more than the time allotted per the schedule, they will be allowed to move to a different location to finish the test.

13. What is a Collection of Evidence, and how does my student compile one?

The "Collection of Evidence" is a student-generated portfolio that consists of enough evidence to show they have met the Washington state math standards. If students are struggling to pass the EOC, they will be enrolled in a course next year that will help them create this Collection of Evidence. This option is considered a last resort and it is strongly suggested that all other methods (SAT, ACT, etc) have been pursued prior to creating a Collection of Evidence. Students must have attempted the HSPE/WASL/EOC at least once prior to accessing this option.