

Senate Bill 4

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2010-2011?

- Phases in required End-of-Course Exams (EOC) for certain courses (e.g., Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, etc.). The first year of a particular EOC will count as 30% of the overall course grade. Every year thereafter, the student will be required to pass the EOC to earn credit for the course.
- Phases in additional, specific course requirements for high school graduation (e.g., Geometry, Biology, Chemistry/Physics, etc.).
- Changes the course title "American History" to "United States History."
- Eliminates the requirement for four credits in a Major Area of Interest for graduation. Students would still be required to earn eight elective credits.
- Creates the Credit Acceleration Program (CAP) that allows a secondary student to earn high school credit if the student earns a specified score on the corresponding EOC assessment, whether or not the student is enrolled in the course or has finished the course.
- Revises the 18-Credit graduation options to account for EOC requirements and increases the math requirement to four credits.
- Requires students to develop personalized academic and career plans and for schools to advise students on programs through which a high school student can earn college credit and other of post-secondary information.
- Specifies that each career and professional academy have an evaluation plan based on outcome measures including achievement on industry certifications that are national and identified in the Industry Certification Funding List.
- Transitions the FCAT Math and FCAT Science to EOC assessments measuring the course content of Algebra 1, Geometry, and Biology.
- Removes the requirement that students must take and fail the FCAT three times prior to being eligible to use an FCAT concordant score on the SAT or ACT.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- Communicate these critical changes to students, families, teachers, school counselors, administrators and other stakeholders.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- Promotion and graduation criteria may not be met and students can be retained.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- All stakeholders

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- As technical assistance is provided by the State, updates will be provided.

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