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Dear High School Students and Parents/Guardians:

The Florida Department of Education has issued student guidelines and requirements regarding the assignment of grades and/or credit and End-of-Course (EOC) state assessments for the following year-long courses: **Algebra 1, Algebra 1 Honors, Geometry, Geometry Honors, Biology 1, Biology 1 Honors, and Advanced Placement Biology**. *It is important to note these requirements and guidelines vary depending on the school year the student enters ninth grade.*

**Rules and guidelines for students entering ninth grade in 2012-2013**

**Mathematics**

- Students enrolled in algebra and geometry courses are expected to take and pass (Level 3 or higher) the EOC to receive credit and meet graduation requirements.

**Biology**

- Students enrolled in any high school biology course are expected to take and pass (Level 3 or higher) the EOC to receive credit and meet graduation requirements.

*Note: A passing grade in these courses does not guarantee credit. Credit is only earned by passing the EOC.*

**Rules and guidelines for students who entered ninth grade in 2011-2012**

**Mathematics**

- Students enrolled in Algebra 1, Algebra 1 Honors, or Algebra 1B are expected to take and pass (Level 3 or higher) the EOC to receive credit and meet graduation requirements.
- Students enrolled in Geometry or Geometry Honors are expected to take the EOC. The EOC grade will account for 30% of their final grade in the course.

**Biology**

- Students enrolled in biology are expected to take the EOC. The EOC grade will account for 30% of their final grade in the course.

**Rules and guidelines for students who entered ninth grade in 2010-2011 or earlier**

**Mathematics**

- Students enrolled in Algebra 1 are expected to take the EOC. The EOC grade will account for 30% of their final grade in the course.
- Students enrolled in Geometry or Geometry Honors have the option of taking the EOC or a teacher-generated exam for 30% of their final grade in the course.

**Biology**

- Students enrolled in Biology 1 or Biology 1 Honors have the option of taking the EOC or a teacher-generated exam for 30% of their final grade in the course.

If you have questions regarding these new requirements, please contact your student's guidance counselor or assistant principal for curriculum for clarification. Parents, we thank you for your commitment to your student's education.

Sincerely,

Scotty Crowe, Assistant Superintendent  
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