



Office of Academics

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Department of Education Emergency Order (2021-EO-02)

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Overview, Context and Precedents

- Florida Department of Education released Emergency Order 2021-EO-02 on April 9, 2021
- <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/19861/urlt/2021-EO-02.pdf>
- DOE 2021-EO-02 provides a set of waivers and flexibilities in the application of Florida Standards Assessments (FSAs) and End-of-Course (EOC) examinations
- **Schools are still required, and students are still encouraged, to take FSA and EOC examinations. Parents exercise final decision on participation.**
- Impacts student graduation for Spring 2021, Bright Future Scholarships, promotion/retention decisions, school/district grades and teacher evaluation
- DOE website includes EO, Slide Deck and Webinar at <http://www.fldoe.org/em-response/>
- DOE 2021-EO-02 issued under Florida's ESSA Waiver submitted to US DOE: <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/14196/urlt/FloridaWaiverRequest.pdf>
- BCPS providing current information at www.browardschools.com/testing



Impacts: Spring 2021 Graduates

- Students intending to graduate in Spring 2021 MUST meet statutory course credit requirements
- Students that do not meet State assessment requirements CAN be graduated IF the school documents equivalent achievement
- Thus, if the student intending to graduate in Spring 2021 does not have an appropriate level of achievement the student must, as appropriate, provide an achievement level comparable to
 - English Language proficiency through the FSA ELA Grade 10 (or a comparative SAT/ACT score)
 - Algebra 1 EOC (or a concordance score on the SAT/ACT)
- Students intending to graduate in Spring 2021 and enrolled in EOC courses (Algebra, Geometry, Biology, United States History) are eligible to have the course grade calculated without the 30% EOC component
- *Scholar Designation* requirement for EOC performance CAN be waived for students in EOC courses for SY2019-20 and SY2020-21 if intending to graduate in Spring 2021



Impacts: Scholarships for Spring 2021 Graduates

- Schools are required to administer FSA, FSAA, EOC examinations
- Addresses three types of scholarships
 - Florida Academic Scholars and Florida Medallion Scholars Awards
 - Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award
 - Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars Award
- Extends deadline to earn qualifying SAT/ACT/PERT scores to December 1, 2021
- Provide flexibility for schools to document efforts towards completion of volunteer hours, or circumstances that prevented completion of volunteer hours, which resulted in less than required volunteer hour completion to be sufficient for qualification



Impacts: End-of-Course Examinations

- Schools are required to administer FSA, FSAA, EOC examinations
- Students are strongly encouraged to be at school for exam. Final decision concerning attendance on test day resides with parent.
- The calculation of the final grade for EOC courses will be made by replacing the EOC grade, 30% of the final grade by Florida Statute, with one of the quarter marks according to the following criteria:
 - If the student earns a minimum grade of a C in the 4th quarter, then the EOC grade will be replaced by highest letter grade of the four quarters for the calculation of the final course grade;
 - If the student does not earn a minimum grade of a C in the 4th quarter, then the EOC grade will be replaced by the higher of the 3rd or 4th quarter letter grade for the calculation of the final course grade;
 - The intent of the system outlined above is to benefit students that remain engaged throughout the 4th quarter.
- EOC scores are anticipated to be released by July 31
- “Best Benefit” calculation upon EOC score receipt in July 2021
- For graduating classes 2022 and beyond, prior to graduation, Algebra achievement and English language proficiency STILL must be demonstrated for graduation eligibility by PSAT, SAT, ACT, PERT, EOC, or FSA



Impacts: Florida Standards Assessments

- Schools are required to administer FSA, FSAA, EOC examinations
- All students in school on day of assessment will be offered the examination
- Students learning from home are strongly encouraged to come in to school for the the assessments
- Students not present for an assessment will be marked absent for those periods or portion of the day
- 3rd Grade FSA ELA results anticipated to be released by June 30, 2021
- Remaining FSA scores anticipated to be released by July 31, 2021



Impacts: Promotion and Retention Decisions

- Schools are required to administer FSA, FSAA, EOC examinations
- Promotion decisions will be made on the end-of-year report card in the absence of FSA, FSAA, or data
- Elementary promotion and retention decisions are made by the principal at the recommendation of the teacher of record and consultation with the student, parents, teacher(s), and other relevant educators.
- Appendix A of the [Student Progression Plan](#) outlines Good Cause Criteria which should be used in the decision-making process.
- Increased emphasis on 3rd Grade portfolio and other local Good Cause Promotion Criteria (Appendix A in [Student Progression Plan](#))
- The district **must** be able to determine that a student is performing at least at Level 2 on the ELA assessment through the good cause exemption process or other means reasonably calculated to provide reliable evidence of a student's performance.
- Secondary promotion and retention decisions are made course accumulation and Policy 6000.1



Impacts: Educator Evaluation

- Schools are required to administer FSA, FSAA, EOC examinations
- 2021-EO-02 **DOES NOT waive** including student performance in educator, teacher and administrator, evaluation
- BCPS does NOT use the State VAM model
- BCPS will continue to advocate for expanded flexibility and statutory relief concerning the use student performance data for teacher evaluation in SY2020-21
- BCPS will continue to collaborate with educators on evaluation processes, the Broward Teachers Union on teacher evaluation protocols, and with Broward Principals' & Assistants' Association (BPAA) on administrator evaluations



Impacts: School Grades

- Schools are required to administer FSA, FSAA, EOC examinations
- Student scores are expected to be released to districts by July 31, 2021
- Within 30 days of the release of student scores by the DOE, the district can opt, on a school-by-school, basis to have the school grade calculated
- Schools must have at least 90% of eligible students assessed to be eligible for grade calculation
- If the school opts to have a school grade calculated, then all aspects of accountability system will apply
- Schools that do not opt for the calculation of 2020-21 school grade will retain their current school grade
- Detailed FL DOE guidance forthcoming on implementing these provisions



Impacts: VPK

- Requirement for 300 hours of summer instruction is reduced to 200 hours of summer instruction
- BCPS staff currently considering appropriate adjustments to programming to continue to provide full spectrum of services under reduced requirement



Next Steps

- Communications
 - Websites:
 - <https://www.browardschools.com/testing>
 - <https://www.browardschools.com/parentuniversity>
 - <https://www.browardschools.com/testingcalendar>
 - To school principals, school counselors, Exceptional Student Services Coordinators, and other appropriate staff via memo and presentation
 - To students and parents via multiple channels
- Adjust process for consideration of promotion/retention recommendation
- SBBC Meetings
 - April 20, 2021 via Superintendent Update
 - April 27, 2021 during SBBC Workshop
- FSA and EOC assessments begin May 3, 2021



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