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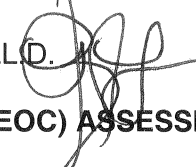
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TO: Exceptional Student Education Directors

FROM: Bambi J. Lockman, LL.D. 

SUBJECT: END-OF-COURSE (EOC) ASSESSMENT RESULTS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

As you are aware, this year began the implementation of the Algebra 1 End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment. Section 1008.22(3)(c)2.(a), Florida Statutes (F.S.), states that "Beginning with students entering grade 9 during the 2010-2011 school year and who are enrolled in Algebra 1 or an equivalent, each student's performance on the end-of-course assessment in Algebra 1 shall constitute 30 percent of the student's final course grade." Section 1003.428(8)(b)2, F.S., states that, "A student with a disability, as defined in s.1007.02(2), F.S., for whom the IEP committee determines that an end-of-course assessment cannot accurately measure the student's abilities, taking into consideration all allowable accommodations, shall have the end-of-course assessment results waived for the purpose of determining the student course grade and credit as required in paragraph (4)(a)."

Having the EOC count as 30 percent of the student's final grade during the first year of implementation for each EOC has created additional questions that were not originally addressed when the Department's Memorandum: Senate Bill 4 Implementation was released in August 2010. Please note that this Memorandum does contain questions and answers with regard to the EOC waiver for students with disabilities beginning on page 11. Additionally, a sample form, which districts may elect to use when documenting the consideration of the EOC waiver is found on page 31.

Responses to additional questions follow:

If the EOC assessment score used to calculate the student's grade negatively impacts the student's grade, but does not result in the student failing the course, may the individual educational plan (IEP) team recommend a waiver of the EOC results?

Yes, the IEP team could approve a waiver of the EOC results for a student with a disability if the IEP team determines that the EOC cannot accurately measure the student's abilities.

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If the IEP team makes a decision to waive the EOC assessment score, how is the final grade calculated?

In this circumstance, the algorithm used to calculate the final grade is a locally based decision.

Additional questions regarding this memorandum may be directed to Cathy Bishop, Section Administrator, via e-mail at cathy.bishop@fldoe.org or by calling (850) 245-0478.

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