



House Bill – 5

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the purpose of House Bill 5?

A: There are two main purposes of HB-5.

- Reduce the number of state end-of-course assessments required for high school students to graduate.
- Allow high school students greater flexibility in choosing their courses while maintaining academic rigor.

Q: When does House Bill-5 go into effect?

A:

The reduction of high school testing requirements goes into effect for the 2013-14 school year.

The new graduation plans and changes to credit requirements go into effect with the freshman class of 2014-15.

NOTE: The State has yet to release specific details on new graduation requirements for current high school students.

What is changing with
House Bill-5?

STAAR End-of-Course Exams

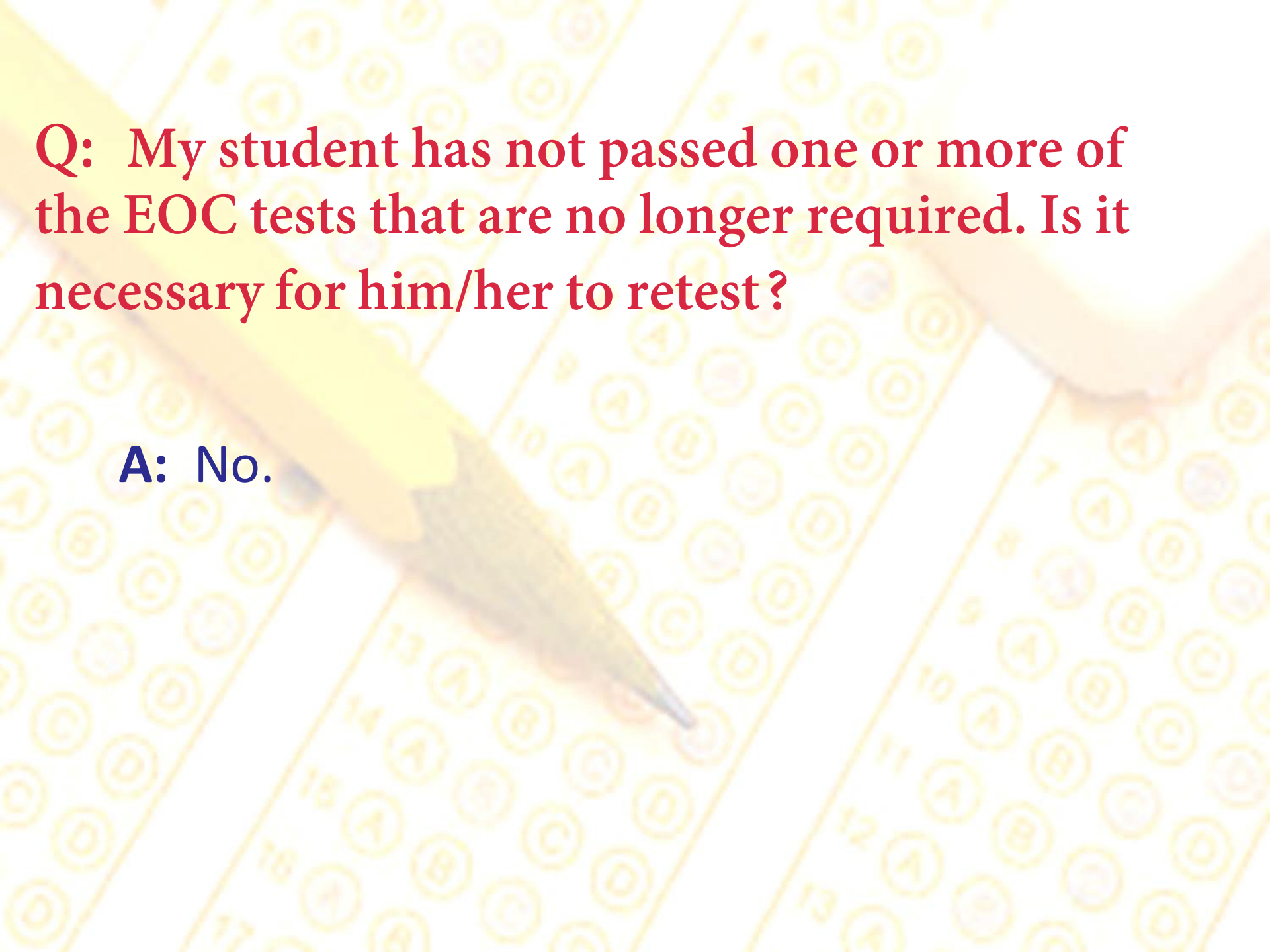
Which EOC tests have been eliminated?

- Geometry
- Algebra II
- English III (Reading and Writing)
- World History
- World Geography
- Chemistry
- Physics

Q: Which EOC tests are required for graduation?

A: The following five EOC tests are now required for graduation:

- English I (Reading and Writing)
- English II (Reading and Writing)
- Algebra I
- Biology
- US History

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Q: My student has not passed one or more of the EOC tests that are no longer required. Is it necessary for him/her to retest?

A: No.

Q: My student took one of the required EOC tests, but didn't pass. Is it necessary for him/her to retest?

A: Yes. A student who fails any of the required assessments are required to retest.



Q: When will students take EOC retests?

A: EOC retests will be administered three times throughout the year in December, Spring and July.



What is changing with House Bill-5?

Graduation Requirements

**Foundation High School Program
+ Endorsements**

What is the new graduation plan?

- Students will earn a Foundation High School Program Diploma and declare an endorsement area.

Q: What are the course requirements of the Foundation High School Program (FHSP)?

- **A:** Requirements of the FHSP are as follows:

English – 4 credits

- English I, II, III, and an advanced English

Math – 3 credits

- Algebra I, Geometry, and an advanced math

Science – 3 credits

- Biology, IPC or an advanced science, and an additional advanced science

Social Studies – 3 credits

- US History, ½ credit government, ½ credit economics, and either world history or world geography, or a new course combining world history and world geography (to be developed)

LOTE – 2 credits

- Credits must be in the same language.

Fine Arts – 1 credit

Physical Education – 1 credit

Electives – 5 credits including

- .5 credit Speech (KISD requirement pending future Board approval)
- .5 credit Health (KISD requirement pending future Board approval)

+ Endorsement – 4 additional credits

Students are expected to earn an endorsement in one of 5 areas. Each endorsement requires

- *a 4th math credit**
- *a 4th science credit**
- *2 endorsement-specific electives*

**Flexibility in course selection may allow the 4th math and science credits to correlate to the endorsement area.*

Q: What are the five endorsement areas?

A: The endorsement areas and the career fields to which they relate are as follows:

1. STEM

- Science, Technology-including computer science, Engineering, and advanced Math)

2. Public Services

- Health science and occupations, education, law enforcement, culinary arts, hospitality

3. Business and Industry

- Information technology, database management, marketing, accounting, finance, graphic design, construction, welding, automotive technology, and agriculture

4. Arts and Humanities

- Political science, literature, world languages, cultural studies, history, and fine arts

5. Multidisciplinary Studies

- This endorsement provides students the opportunity to take a variety of courses from each of the other four endorsement areas.

Q: Which endorsements will be offered in Anthony ISD?

A: Anthony ISD will offer endorsements in the four areas below :

1. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)
2. Business and Industry
3. Arts and Humanities
4. Multidisciplinary Studies