

Clarification on Adjustments to EOC Exams

We hope the following information will clarify the recent School Board action pertaining to the adjustment of EOC exam scores:

- ✓ Question: Which EOC exams were adjusted?
Answer: Only those exams developed by BEACON Enterprise. Not all BEACON courses were adjusted, only those with student performance results significantly different from results of the previous year.

- ✓ Question: Which exams were developed by BEACON Enterprise?
Answer: High School core courses in Math, English, Science and Social Studies as listed:
 - English: English I-IV, regular and honors
 - Math: Alg. II, regular and honors, Alg. I A, Analytic Geometry, Liberal Arts Math, Math Analysis, Pre-Calculus, Probability & Statistics, and Trigonometry
 - Science: Anatomy and Physiology honors, Chemistry I regular and honors, Earth/Space Science regular and honors, Marine Science honors, Physics I regular and honors, Physical Science regular and honors
 - Social Studies: American Govt. regular and honors, Economics regular and honors, World Geography, Geography honors, World History regular and honors
 - Spanish I and II

- ✓ Answer: Middle School core courses in Math, Language Arts ,Science and Social studies in Gr. 8 as listed; Middle School core courses in Math and Science in Gr. 7 as listed:
 - Language Arts: Language Arts 3 (8th) regular and advanced,
 - Math: Math 2 (7th) regular and advanced, Math 3 (8th) regular and advanced
 - Science: Life Science (7th) regular and advanced, Physical Science (8th) regular and advanced, Physical Science honors
 - Social Studies: US History (8th) regular and advanced
 - Spanish I

- ✓ What action did the School Board take in regard to adjustment of BEACON exams?
 - If the score earned on the BEACON end-of-course exam resulted in a negative impact on the student letter grade (i.e., the student's letter grade dropped as a result of the EOC score), the EOC score was dropped from the student's grade calculation.
 - If the score earned on the BEACON end-of-course exam resulted in a neutral or positive impact on the student letter grade (i.e., the student's letter grade remained the same or increased as a result of the EOC score), the EOC score was not removed from the student's grade calculation.

- ✓ Is the EOC score, BEACON and non-BEACON, calculated differently based on whether a student is in middle school or high school?
 - The calculation is by course (i.e., middle school/high school) rather than by school level, since many middle school students enroll in high school courses while still in middle school.
 - High School calculation: The EOC was calculated as $1/7^{\text{th}}$ of a student's 2nd semester grade; high school courses are offered in semester increments.
 - Middle School calculation: The EOC was calculated as $1/7^{\text{th}}$ of a student's 2nd semester grade which was then averaged with the 1st semester grade to obtain a year-end grade; middle school courses are offered in year-long increments.