

May 20, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We hope all is well with you and your family during these difficult times.

If your child is currently enrolled in one or more of the courses that usually include a requirement to pass a STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment in order to meet graduation requirements, please read this letter carefully. Due to COVID-19, the State of Texas has suspended academic assessment requirements for the remainder of the 2019–2020 school year. This includes all STAAR assessments including tests for grades 3-8, End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments, and STAAR Alternate 2 tests.

In recognition of the inability to administer STAAR End of Course assessments during the spring and summer of 2020, the State of Texas has waived the testing requirement for students who receive credit for any EOC subject—Algebra I, Biology, English I, English II, and U. S. History—during Spring and Summer 2020. This includes students who may be repeating a course. Students who received credit prior to Spring 2020 and after Summer 2020 in a course with an End of Course Exam will be required to take the applicable assessment.

This means that if your child receives credit for Algebra I, Biology, English I, English II, and U. S. History during Spring 2020 or Summer 2020, he/she will not have to take an EOC assessment for that course. Students who do not receive credit, and are required to retake the course, will not qualify for this waiver. If your child is not graduating and has an outstanding EOC assessment that they have not passed from a previous year, they will still need to retake and pass that EOC assessment prior to graduation.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or contact Ms. Paige Tomlin, Campus Assessment Coordinator, at (281) 634-2000.

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