



## Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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**To:** School Administrators

**From:** Stan Johnson, Assistant Commissioner of School Improvement

**Subject:** Changes to End-of-Course Assessment

As we near the end of the first year of implementation of End-of-Course (EOC) assessments, we have re-examined our plan regarding the number of mandatory assessments required of each student for which districts will be held accountable. Districts will no longer be required to assess students in additional EOC classes beyond Algebra I, English II, Biology, and Government.

This is a result of several considerations including the current state budget and the uncertainty of future state budgets.

Districts are encouraged to continue to assess students enrolled in courses with associated EOC assessments. Districts will be able to receive Annual Performance Report (APR) bonus credit for the additional EOCs, with credit given for student scores weighted by the percent of high school students taking the additional assessments.

Additional information regarding Adequate Yearly Progress and APR accountability will be provided as it becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact the Accountability Data and Accreditation section at 573-526-4886.