



## **State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness**

To graduate under STAAR, a student must achieve a cumulative score that is at least equal to the product of the number of EOC assessments taken in each foundation content area and a scale score that indicates satisfactory performance. A student will be permitted to retake any STAAR EOC assessment for any reason.

Twelve STAAR EOC assessments will be administered in the four content areas:

Math: Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II

Science: biology, chemistry, physics

English Language Arts: English I, English II, English III

History: World Geography, World History, US History

STAAR EOC assessment scores will account for 15% of the student's final grade in the course. In order to count the assessment score in the final grade, the administration of Gunter ISD will annually publish and make available to students and parents a conversion of the EOC scaled score to a number grade. This number grade will be averaged into the course grade.

### **Policy Components:**

STAAR EOC assessments must count 15% of a course grade. The 15% will be determined as follows:

1. Once a credit for first semester has been earned the credit stands. The first semester credit will include a locally developed semester exam, which accounts for 15% of the semester grade.
2. Second semester credit will be determined by averaging the fourth, fifth, and sixth six weeks grades. This average makes up 70% of the semester grade. The student's score on the EOC determines the additional 30%. The student's grade on EOC is converted into one of four locally determined tiers, and this combined grade will be used for the second semester average.
3. The two semester course averages can be averaged together to earn the full credit as outlined in the Gunter ISD local policy.
4. For students who do not receive EOC scores (absence, testing irregularity, failure to complete due to illness, etc.):
  - a. The student will be assigned an incomplete until the next testing opportunity.
  - b. If after the next test opportunity a student still does not receive EOC scores, a zero will be factored in the calculation of the final course grade.

**Conversion:**

There will be four tiers to which a scaled score on any STAAR EOC assessment will be converted. These tiers are determined by the district and are as follows:

Perfect score on any EOC converts to 100 percent.

Advanced Academic Performance as determined by the district converts to 99 percent.

Satisfactory performance as determined by the district converts to 89 percent.

Minimum score performance or below as determined by the district converts to 69 percent.

If a student retakes an EOC assessment, the District will include the retake score as 15 percent of the final course grade only if the retake score allows a student to gain credit for the course.

After a student earns credit for the course, subsequent retakes will not be included in the calculation of the final course grade.

Once a student has earned credit AND graduated, his/her transcript is final. No further testing opportunities will impact course grade calculations.

**Transfer Students**

Any student transferring into Gunter ISD who has already earned credit for a course in which a STAAR EOC assessment is offered may take the EOC assessment with the following limitations:

1. The EOC assessment score may be used for only the cumulative scoring
2. The EOC assessment score may not be used as part of the student's grade for the course.

The Superintendent or designee may waive limitations on an individual basis for extenuating circumstances.

**Students served by Special Education**

A student's ARD committee shall determine the type of assessment to be administered and how the score on an EOC assessment shall be used for final course grades, credit decisions, and graduation requirements.