

## Administrative Memo

**Date:** March 23, 2012  
**To:** Superintendents, Principals, and District Test Coordinators  
**From:** Sharon Hoge, Ph.D., Assistant Commissioner  
**Subject:** CCR-12-004 – Assessment Updates for School Year 2012-2013

### Reinstatement of Performance Events and Writing Prompts

The Department is pleased to announce the return of performance events and writing prompts to the grade-level and end-of-course operational assessments beginning with the Fall 2012 end-of-course testing window. The following assessments will reflect this change:

Grade 3 – Communication Arts: writing prompt  
Grade 4 – Mathematics: performance event  
Grade 5 – Science: performance event  
Grade 7 – Communication Arts: writing prompt  
Grade 8 – Mathematics: performance event; Science: performance event  
Algebra I – Performance event  
English II – Writing prompt  
Biology – Performance event

### Required English I and United States History End-of-Course Assessments

School districts and charter schools are now required to administer the English I and United States History end-of-course (EOC) assessments to all non-MAP-A students beginning with the cohort graduating in Spring 2016. English I and United States History represent a new assessment requirement approved by the State Board of Education in August, 2011. They will be administered in addition to Algebra 1, English II, Biology, and Government. They are intended to serve as final exams in these content areas.

Students graduating in Spring 2016 who completed the English I or American History course prior to the 2012-2013 school year are not required to take the EOC assessment retroactively.

The English I and American History assessments will continue to be administered online at no cost to school districts and charter schools for the 2012-2013 school year. Sample tests and achievement level descriptors may be found at

<http://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/assessment/end-course>

### Addition to 2013 IBD Reports

As Missouri adjusts to its new Core Academic Standards in English language arts and mathematics, districts are working to adjust curriculum as needed. Part of that adjustment is the desire to know how students are performing on current test items which align to core standards. To assist in this transition, the Department will provide an additional new Item Benchmark Descriptor (IBD) report for assessment items aligning to the Core Academic Standards in Summer 2013.

If you have questions, please contact the Assessment Section at (573) 751-3545, or email [assessment@dese.mo.gov](mailto:assessment@dese.mo.gov).

### Assessment Plan (Begins in 2012-2013 school year)

Classes of 2013 2014 2015 (4)	English II
	Algebra I
	Biology
	Government
Class of 2016 (8)	<b>English I</b>
	English II
	<b>English EOHS</b>
	Algebra I
	<b>Mathematics EOHS</b>
	Biology
	Government
	<b>American History</b>
Class of 2017 (9)	English I
	English II
	English EOHS
	Algebra I
	Mathematics EOHS
	<b>Additional Mathematics</b>
	Biology
	Government
	American History
Class of 2018 (11)	English I
	English II
	English EOHS
	Algebra I
	Mathematics EOHS
	Additional Mathematics
	Biology
	<b>Additional Science</b>
	<b>Additional Science</b>
	Government
	American History

### Cohort Grid

	SY 2012- 2013	SY 2013- 2014	SY 2014- 2015	SY 2015- 2016	SY 2016- 2017	SY 2017- 2018	SY 2018- 2019
<b>GR 12</b>	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>GR 11</b>	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>GR 10</b>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>GR 09</b>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022