

Administrative Memo

Date: January 12, 2021
To: School Administrators
From: Tracy Hinds, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Learning Services
Subject: LS-21-001 End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Participation for First Semester Seniors 2020-21

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is providing guidance for local education agencies (LEAs) regarding this school year's first semester graduates who were not assessed in one or more required EOC content areas. These provisions are made only for the current school year (2020-21).

- If a student is receiving instruction onsite, administer the EOC onsite.
- If a student is receiving distanced instruction, administer the EOC onsite.
- If a student has already graduated, use a local estimate of performance level.
- If a student is quarantined, use a local estimate of performance level.
- If a parent refuses to allow the student to test onsite, use a local estimate of performance level.

DESE has created a [First Semester Graduates flow chart](#) to assist with decision-making guidance.

Local estimates of performance level (Advanced, Proficient, Basic or Below Basic) can be determined by:

- Using data from commercial interim or benchmark assessments products; or
- Using information regarding course-level standards mastered and a final course grade.

Please note that local estimates of performance level will not qualify for meeting A+ scholarship requirements.

Submission of Data

LEAs must submit a local estimate of performance for every missing EOC score for a first semester graduate, along with the reason that a local estimate of performance was used, i.e. family unreachable/parental objection/quarantine situations. This submission will take place through a report provided in the spring. Specific instructions for submitting this information will follow soon.

Participation

The operational EOCs and local estimates of performance will both count toward participation and will prevent Graduate Level Not Determined (LND) for these students.

Reporting

Data from operational EOCs will not be combined with local estimates of performance. While the use of the results will not be used for accountability purposes, outcomes from each of these data sources will be aggregated and reported separately.

For questions about fall EOC assessment, contact the Office of College and Career Readiness at assessment@dese.mo.gov or 573-751-3545.