

Q&As from April 7, 2014 EOC Exceptions Webinar

Q. The link in the presentation handout does not get to the memo.

A. The link is: <http://dese.mo.gov/am/documents/LS-11-001.pdf>

Q. Does this webinar apply to middle schools as well?

A. The webinar is directed at districts that have students graduating.

Q. This is for the graduating class of 2014; what about freshmen and sophomores? I do not have students who are graduating this spring.

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Q. When will our Fall 2013 Government EOCs show on the MCDS portal?

A. Summer, Fall and Spring Assessments administered in the 2013-2014 accountability year will be reported in July 2014.

Q. Can you please confirm if this webinar only applies to high schools?

A. Yes this only applies to high schools.

Q. EOC History Report is missing from MCDS portal.

A. Please check with your user manager that you have student-level access

Q. Does this pertain to K-8 districts?

A. The webinar is directed at districts that have students graduating.

Q. I thought this was also for any students in a K-8th grade school that has 8th graders taking the Spring EOC.

A. The webinar is directed at districts that have students graduating.

Q. A student needs to have been MAP-A designated early on in HS career in order for the exemption to apply? Exemption does not apply their last semester of 12th grade. Correct?

A. Assessment requirements may fluctuate, as the student's special education needs fluctuate. This means a student that is not MAP-A in grades 10 or 11, must take the appropriate assessment based on his/her classification.

Q. Could you review EOEX4. Does that mean that if a student took the content at another district, graduating districts do not have to go back and give the assessment? Is that correct?

A. That is correct.

Q. Is there an enrollment date to make an out-of-state or nonpublic school student exempt from EOC?

A. Students must have successfully completed the content while out-of-state or in a nonpublic educational setting.

Q. You said the MAP Alternate exception is only valid for Social Studies?

A. That is correct, as MAP-A students are required to be assessed in mathematics at grade 10; science and English language arts at grade 11.

Q. Is the MAP-A exception only for social studies? Those students still have to take the other assessments?

A. Correct.

Q. For the exception, EOEX4, does the district that sent the student without testing get an LND?

A. The sending school is not being assigned an LND at this time.

Q. If a student is marked as a 2014 graduate after completing summer school, and they took a required EOC during summer school, which year's EOC Exception file should that student be included in for accountability?

A. If a student is a 2014 graduate, and is eligible for an exception, he/she should be submitted in the 2014 EOC Exception file. Please note, that for students graduating in 2014, all required assessments must be completed by the spring administration window.

Q. Any student that transfers to our school from another public school and takes the content at the other school is automatically an exception for us? What kind of documentation do we have to have to support this?

A. Only if the content was successfully completed at the previous district. The student's transcript received via the records request process is sufficient evidence of the reported exception.

Q. Is there a way to appeal now? A student we believe has taken the EOC but is showing on the EOC History Report as not taking the EOC?

A. Yes, you can send appeals now.

Q. Can you clarify again the MAP-A exception in Social Studies? Are those students required to take the Government EOC?

A. MAP-Alternate students are eligible for an exception to the social studies requirement since there are no APIs for that content at the high school level.

Q. What about a foreign exchange student?

A. Foreign exchange students should be transferred out on the last day of school, back to his/her home country's school district.

Q. Are there still bonus points available to districts taking optional EOCs such as Geometry and if so, is there a minimum percentage of eligible students required to have taken the exam in order to get the points?

A. There are no bonus points available for participation in voluntary assessments. Please refer to the Comprehensive Guide to the Missouri School Improvement Program for additional information.

Q. You made a comment that "currently" the Department is not assigning a LND to the school in which the transfer student came from. Are there plans in the future to assign that district an LND?

A. Not at this time.

Q. What if we have a foreign exchange student that does graduate from our district. They still have to have all the EOC's correct?

A. That is correct.

Q. Is this recorded, because my speakers just died?

A. This is recorded and will be posted

Q. Are there still 8 required exams for the graduating class of 2014?

A. For the graduating class of 2014, there are four required assessments: Algebra I, English II, Biology, and Government.

Q. Students who took Algebra I at a non-public school who are in the class of 2016 or beyond: if we exempt them under EOCEX2, are they also ineligible for A+?

A. I recommend you refer to the Department of Higher Education's website for information on the A+ program. (<http://www.dhe.mo.gov/ppc/grants/aplusscholarship.php>).

Q. If a student transfers to our district, failed an EOC course at their school and they now take that content with us, is it my district's responsibility to test when we were not the original district who delayed, or did not test at all?

A. Since the student had not successfully completed the content at the previous school district, and did successfully complete the content in your district, it is your district's responsibility to assess the student.

Q. I have two seniors that each missed one of the required EOCs. Do they still take these now even though it has been several years since they received that content?

A. Yes.

Q. What needs to be done if there is a MAP-A student that has Math, English and Science on the EOC Exception list? I understand that Social Studies needs EOCEX3, what about the others?

A. Ensure the student has participated in the required MAP-A assessments, then manually remove the student from the list.

Q. Administrative memo QS-14-002 indicates that the new assessment plan will be effect with the 2014-2015 school year. Are we still required to give American history, English I, geometry, algebra II for the graduating class of 2014?

A. The following are the required assessments for the graduating class of 2014: Algebra I, English II, Biology, and Government.

Q. Can a special education student who will not take Algebra I content be exempt from the Algebra I EOC without the school taking a hit?

A. No.

Q. Couldn't A+ students take Algebra II if they took Algebra I in a private school instead of going through the appeals process you just described?

A. I recommend you refer to the Department of Higher Education's website for information on the A+ program. (<http://www.dhe.mo.gov/ppc/grants/aplusscholarship.php>).

Q. The EOC history file does not show who took MAP-A does it?

A. The department also has the MAP History Report, available in the same area on the secure-side of the MCDS Portal, that reflects all assessments with which a student has participated.

Q. Just for clarification, if a student is classified as being MAP-A and the required portfolios were submitted for the child in English, Math, and Science...even though they are NOT actually EOCs we do not use EOCEX3 for the child except just for US Government?

A. Correct.

Q. How do we make a note or report that the student has a portfolio for MAP-A students?

A. The department will review all assessment records prior to assigning a level not determined.

Q. I have a student who has been "homebound" since elementary school. She is now a HS student. Is there an exception for her or does she still test?

A. There is no exception for the student, and he/she must be assessed.

Q. She did not take EOC in biology with us, but missed it at another school. She is a senior this year.

A. The student is eligible for an exception, if he/she successfully completed the content at another district.

Q. It appears the EOC history file lists the MAP-A students which did submit portfolios. Since their names are on the list, should we remove them or use the EOCEX3 code?

A. Manually remove their name(s) from the exceptions list.

Q. When do we put in the EOCEX3 for MAP-A students for social studies, should we wait until they are seniors and about to graduate?

A. Exception reporting is only necessary for students the year they exit the district as a graduate.

Q. If you can see the portfolios, then why do we have to appeal as they do show up on the exception report as missing those assessments?

A. There is no need to report students with exceptions, if they have already been assessed.

Q. How do I find out if the MAP-A student has turned in a portfolio?

A. Go to the secure-side of the MCDS Portal. Next, go to Guided Inquiry > State Assessment. Then, with MAP Student Level access, under the Administrative Section, reference the EOC History Report or the MAP History report.

Q. A MAP-A student residing in our district but attending a "special school" in another district, which district should have registered him and tested him. Is it too late to do this?

A. Please contact the accountability data section on this matter.

Q. So if a student has a portfolio submitted and shows up on the February exception report, should we just remove them?

A. Yes, you may manually remove the student from the report.

Q. In order to upload our information should I download the report from the February collection, make changes and re-upload?

A. Yes, that is the process that should occur to upload the submission.

Q. How do students taking a MoVIP course get counted in our school's EOCs, or do they?

A. Students taking assessments at the conclusion of a MoVIP course, will have their score reported back to the district of residence.

Q. What about students with multiple MOSIS IDs?

A. An appeal letter should be submitted to the Accountability Data Section to have all assessments merged under the MOSIS ID the student uses to graduate. The letter must be on district letterhead, and signed by the superintendent. Include the student's name, both MOSIS IDs, and a request to have the scores combined under one ID.