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Parents:

DISTRICT UPDATE ON GRADING POLICIES FOR NEW FSA-EOC EXAMS

Due to legislative changes at the State level, Hillsborough County Public School students taking the new 2014-2015 FSA-EOC Exams for both regular, honors and IB courses in Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 are not required to use the test as 30% of their course grade for the 2014-15 school year. Those students who took the Algebra 1 EOC test are still required to earn the passing level 3 for graduation benchmark, although the score will not be averaged into their grade.

For the FSA tested math courses above, your child's second semester grade will be calculated to earn the highest grade from one of these three options:

- Average of the third and fourth quarter grades
- Averaging the third and fourth quarter grades and also averaging the highest previous EOC score weighted at 30% of the final grade (this option is only for students who have "banked" scores earned from previously taking the EOCs for these subjects)
- Students can choose to take an OPTIONAL district paper/pencil exam which would count as 30% of the final grade. Students who choose this option cannot lower their semester grade by taking the optional test. The optional test score will only be used if it improves the student's grade.

Please note: students who took Algebra 1, Geometry or Algebra 2 virtually can only use option 1 or 2 above. The virtual platform already has an embedded semester exam grade which will count for the student's overall semester 2 grade.

There is no change to grading policies for Civics, Biology and US History EOC tests. These exams are still used as the final exam grade and are weighted at 30%.

If you have any questions please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Eakins".

Jeff Eakins
Acting Superintendent

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