

# EOC Test Out Information

## Towers High School

### What is “Testing Out?”

DeKalb County School District will award units of high school credit to students in the following two (2) ways as required by **State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.15**:

1. A student may earn course credit by earning a final course grade of 70 or higher.
2. Prior to taking the course, a student may earn course credit by achieving “Exceeds” level on the state designated End-of-Course Test. This method of earning course credit is referred to hereinafter as “testing out.”

### How does it work?

- A student may test-out of up to three (3) EOCT courses in which he/she has never been enrolled.
- Eligible students have only one opportunity per course to demonstrate subject area competency.
- The purpose of the test-out option is to allow academically advanced students to pursue higher level courses. Students who score at the “Exceeds Expectations” level for the test-out will receive a unit of credit for that course. It is recommended that students take four core courses in each content area in order to prepare for competitive college applications and enrollment.
- If the student scores at the “Exceeds” level, the student’s EOCT score for the tested-out course will be recorded on the transcript. **The grade will be factored into the student’s grade point average (GPA), which may impact the student’s graduation date and HOPE calculation.** Students are not eligible to earn weighted credit for a test-out course.
- If the student does *not* score at the “Exceeds” level, the student will not receive credit for the course and the test fee will *not* be refunded. The student must take the course within the regular course of study and retake the EOCT after completion of the course. Scores for unsuccessful test-out attempts will not be recorded on transcripts.
- Students must pay a \$50 (cash only) test fee per test to the school prior to attempting an EOCT for test-out purposes. The test fee will be refunded if the student scores at the “Exceeds” level. If the student’s score does not reach the “Exceeds” level, the money will not be refunded. The fee will be forwarded to the Georgia Department of Education’s EOCT vendor.
- The Georgia Department of Education has established specific test-out EOCT windows. DeKalb County School District will offer the next EOCT test-out option during the online administration in September 2014.
- **Testing out is not recommended for student athletes who anticipate competing at the collegiate level. NCAA eligibility rules differ from state and local graduation rules and explicitly prohibit “courses completed through credit-by-exam.”**

**Student Eligibility Requirements:**

- The student has never been enrolled in the course.
- The student must have earned a minimum numerical grade of 80 in a prerequisite course in the same content area as the selected EOCT.
- The student must receive recommendations from his/her school counselor AND from his/her teacher for the prerequisite course.
- The student must receive parent/guardian permission if the student is less than 18 years of age. Students 18 or over and emancipated minor students may complete the permission form themselves.

**Deadline to Apply for Test Out**

- For the September 2014 test out administration, students must notify Mr. Carlous Daniel, assistant principal and test coordinator September 1, 2015.
- The \$50 deposit must be paid by September 7, 2015

**Questions**

If you have any questions, please contact us at 678-874-2202