

ALL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS/APs: U.S. History End of Course Assessment and Scholars Diploma Designation
Category: For Your Information

Audience: Principals/APs (Senior High)

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

To identify AP/IB/AICE (Cambridge) U.S. History Students who wish to take the U.S. History EOC in order to earn Scholars diploma designation.

- As per 1003.4285, F. S., each standard high school diploma shall include, as applicable, the following designations if the student meets the criteria set forth for the designation:
 - (a) Scholar designation.—In addition to the requirements of ss. 1003.428 and 1003.4282, as applicable, in order to earn the Scholar designation, a student must satisfy the following requirements:
 1. English Language Arts (ELA).—When the state transitions to common core assessments, pass the 11th grade ELA common core assessment.
 2. Mathematics.—Earn one credit in Algebra II and one credit in statistics or an equally rigorous course. When the state transitions to common core assessments, students must pass the Algebra II common core assessment.
 3. Science.—Pass the statewide, standardized Biology I end-of-course assessment and earn one credit in chemistry or physics and one credit in a course equally rigorous to chemistry or physics.
 4. **Social studies.—Pass the statewide, standardized United States History end-of-course assessment.**
 5. Foreign language.—Earn two credits in the same foreign language.
 6. Electives.—Earn at least one credit in an Advanced Placement, an International Baccalaureate, an Advanced International Certificate of Education, or a dual enrollment course.
 - (b) Merit designation -- In addition to the requirements of ss. 1003.428 and 1003.4282, as applicable, in order to earn the Merit designation, a student must attain one or more industry certifications from the list established under s. 1003.492.
- To that end, students who took AP/IB/AICE (Cambridge) U.S. History during the 2012-13 academic year would not be able to earn Scholar designation unless they take and earn a passing score on the U.S. History EOC.
- **Please note: any student who takes the U.S. History EOC assessment will be included in school accountability points.** However, students who already completed AP/IB/AICE (Cambridge) U.S. History who take the U.S. History EOC would not have 30% of their AP/IB/AICE U.S. History course grade calculated based on the U.S. History EOC.
- In order for schools to make informed decisions based on data regarding whether academic year 2012-13 AP/IB/AICE (Cambridge) U.S. History students should take the U.S. History EOC or not, the U.S. History Winter Interim Assessment will be open for administration from March 31 through April 11, 2014 for those students who wish to earn Scholars diploma designation.
- Based on AP/IB/AICE (Cambridge) U.S. History students' results on the U.S. History Winter Interim Assessment, schools can encourage students who show strength in performance in U.S. History content knowledge to take the U.S. History EOC to earn Scholars diploma designation. **It is up to each school to make that determination based on student results on the U.S. History Winter Interim Assessment.**
- **IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING REGARDING SCHOLARS DIPLOMA DESIGNATION AND CURRENTLY PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT IF PASSED CORRECTS THIS ISSUE:**
 - Currently, proposed legislation in the Florida House, HB 7031 (formerly KTS 1), revises various provisions relating to education including the Scholar designation. The bill proposes the following revisions to be included to current requirements in Florida Statute 1003.4285 in order for a student to earn the Scholar designation:
 - Passing Geometry EOC
 - Passing AP, IB, or AICE Biology exam in lieu of Biology EOC
 - Passing AP, IB, or AICE US History exam in lieu of US History EOC.
- Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Gisela Field, Administrative Director, Assessment, Research, and Data Analysis, gfeild@dadeschools.net, or Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net.

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