

Ohio End-of-Course Tests Retake Policy

OHIO STUDENTS TAKE AN END-OF-COURSE TEST WHEN THEY HAVE:

1. Completed the course aligned to one of the end-of-course tests;
2. Completed the content through other coursework when the school does not offer a specific course in the content;
3. Developed a credit flex plan for the course aligned to one of the end-of-course tests; or
4. Taken a testing out option for course credit for one of the end-of-course tests.*

**The awarding of credit for a course is not dependent on the end-of-course test.*

General Guidance

Students may retake any Ohio end-of-course state test throughout their academic careers during any given administration period that the state offers. If the district is unable to provide an opportunity for a student to retake the exam during a state test window, the district should make arrangements with a neighboring district.

Retake opportunities include:

- Fall Block administration;
- Spring administration; and
- Summer administration (if offered).

A student will use the higher score of any end-of-course test taken for meeting graduation requirements. All districts should have established written policies regarding the retaking of the end-of-course tests.

COMMUNICATIONS TO STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Districts should communicate retesting opportunities to parents and students at the start of each academic year. The department recommends clear communications about retesting opportunities through the:

- Student handbook;
- District and/or school website;
- Meetings with school counselors; and
- Newsletters or email messages to parents.

IMPACT ON DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT INDICATOR

The impact on a district's or school's achievement indicator will occur only in cases when students, who score 1 or 2 on all prior tests, choose to retake the tests. If the prior scores were below Proficient, then the score from the retake will be included in the current year's Indicators Met calculation regardless of whether the student's score increases, decreases or stays the same. Retake scores are not included in the current year's Performance Index calculation, which includes first-time test takers only.

POINTS AWARDED FOR COURSE GRADE PRIOR TO A TEST BEING READY.

Students may have received graduation points based on a letter grade earned for courses prior to the end-of-course test being available. Here is [more information](#) about the required graduation points.

A district or school may permit a student to take the end-of-course test in the subject-area(s) for previously awarded graduation points in order to earn a higher score. The higher of the scores will count toward the cumulative graduation points earned. The score from the retake administration will count in the district's Performance Indicators Met.

REMEDIATION

The district or school determines the remediation the student needs based on the level of proficiency and student level data. There is no requirement for a specific amount of remediation prior to a student retaking any end-of-course state test. With guidance from the local district, a student or parent makes the decision and request to retake an exam.

The department is collecting examples of remediation that schools are doing to share later this fall.

REPEATING A COURSE

Students may retake an end-of-course state test after repeating a course if the district determines that retaking the test is in the student's best interest. The repeating of a course does not imply that the student must retake an end-of-course state test.