

For each student, regardless of graduation plan type, (including Minimum High School Program (MHSP), Recommended High School Program (RHSP), Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP), or Foundation High School Program (FHSP)), who fails to perform satisfactorily on one or two End of Course (EOC) assessments, an Individual Graduation Committee (IGC) shall convene in the final semester prior to graduation in order to determine whether the student qualifies to graduate. A student may not qualify to graduate through an IGC before the student's 12th grade year and students must retake the failed EOC test(s) until they graduate. The IGC shall be composed of the principal or principal's designee, the student's counselor, the teacher of the course of the assessment instrument on which the student failed to perform satisfactorily, the department chair supervising the teacher of the course, the student's parent or guardian, and the student.

TSIA EXEMPTION

If a student fails to perform satisfactorily on an EOC assessment for either English II or Algebra I but receives a score of "proficient" on the Texas State Initiative Assessment (TSIA) for that subject, the student shall be considered to have performed satisfactorily on the EOC for that course. The IGC shall not convene if a student has met the Texas State Initiative (TSI) college readiness benchmarks in reading or mathematics.

NOTIFICATION OF IGC

A student's parent or guardian shall be notified in writing via regular mail or e-mail of the time and place for convening the IGC and the purpose of the committee.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to graduate and receive a diploma via the IGC, a student must successfully complete the curriculum requirements for graduation. The IGC must recommend additional requirements for each failed EOC test for a student to be eligible to graduate, including:

1. Remediation; and
 - a. The completion of a project to the relevant subject area; or
 - b. The preparation of a portfolio of the student's work, including work samples that demonstrate proficiency in the relevant subject area.

Students may also satisfy the additional requirements by submitting coursework from the course for which the student did not pass the EOC assessment instrument.

The IGC shall consider the following criteria in determining whether a student is qualified to graduate:

1. The teacher's recommendation in each relevant course;
2. The student's grade in each relevant course;
3. The student's score on the EOC assessment instrument in which the student failed to perform satisfactorily;
4. The student's performance on the additional academic requirements;
5. The number of hours of remediation the student has attended, including attendance of a college preparatory course;
6. The student's attendance and successful completion of college preparatory courses in reading or mathematics;
7. The student's school attendance rate;
8. The student's satisfaction of the TSI college readiness benchmarks set by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) (SAT, ACT, or TSIA cut scores);
9. The student's successful completion of a dual credit course in one of the four core subject areas;
10. The student's completion of a PreAP, AP, or IB program course in one of the four core subject areas;
11. The student's "Advanced High" rating on the most recent high school administration of the TELPAS;
12. The student's score of 50 or better on a CLEP test;
13. The student's scores on ACT, SAT, or ASVAB tests;
14. The student's completion of a sequence of CTE program courses required to attain an industry-recognized credential or certificate;

15. The student's overall preparedness for postsecondary success; and
16. Any other applicable academic information.

See EIF(EXHIBIT C)

COMMITTEE
DETERMINATION
OF ELIGIBILITY TO
GRADUATE

The IGC may authorize eligible students to graduate based on the reviewed criteria on the additional requirements and considerations. The student may graduate on the basis of the committee's unanimous decision. The decision of the IGC is final and may not be appealed.