

# End of Course Requirements

First time 9<sup>th</sup> graders  
2011-2012 school year



Port Neches – Groves Independent School District

# Agenda

- Overview of STAAR/EOC Program
  - State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness
  - High School End of Course Tests
- Graduation Requirements
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Other Questions

# Texas Assessments

We've been down this road before!

TABS (1980 – 1985)

TEAMS (1986 – 1990)

TAAS (1990 – 2002)

TAKS (2003 – present)

STAAR (2012)



TEA has yet to finalize several crucial decisions regarding STAAR exams. With the new EOC program, current testing policies and procedures are being reevaluated and will be modified as needed to fit the new program. Therefore, as the District receives updated information from TEA, specific details concerning the implementation of EOC exams will be communicated to students and parents/guardians.



# Legislation

- High school course-based testing
- Link between performance on EOC assessments and course grades (15% of final course grade)
- Score requirements and cumulative score
- Requirements for graduation
- Testing schedule
- Review of performance standards
- Collaboration with higher education
- Timeline for implementation
- Reduced funding at state and local levels

# STAAR End of Course Assessments

- New graduation requirements for first time 9<sup>th</sup> graders graders in 2011-2012
- Will replace TAKS for these students
- Based on Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)
- Subject area EOC exams for high school students in English, Social Studies, Math and Science
  - Students tested on information from current school year
  - Students enrolled in high school before 2011-2012 will continue to take TAKS



# What else do we know about EOC tests?

- More challenging
  - EOCs focus on TEKS most critical for success (Readiness Standards)
  - Four hour time limit
  - More rigorous items, increased number of items, more critical analysis



# Required EOC Assessments

Math	English	Science	Social Studies
Algebra I	English I	Biology	World Geography
Geometry	English II	Chemistry	World History
Algebra II*	English III*	Physics	U.S. History

\*Must meet additional passing standards for Recommended High School Program and Distinguished Achievement



# Score Reporting Categories

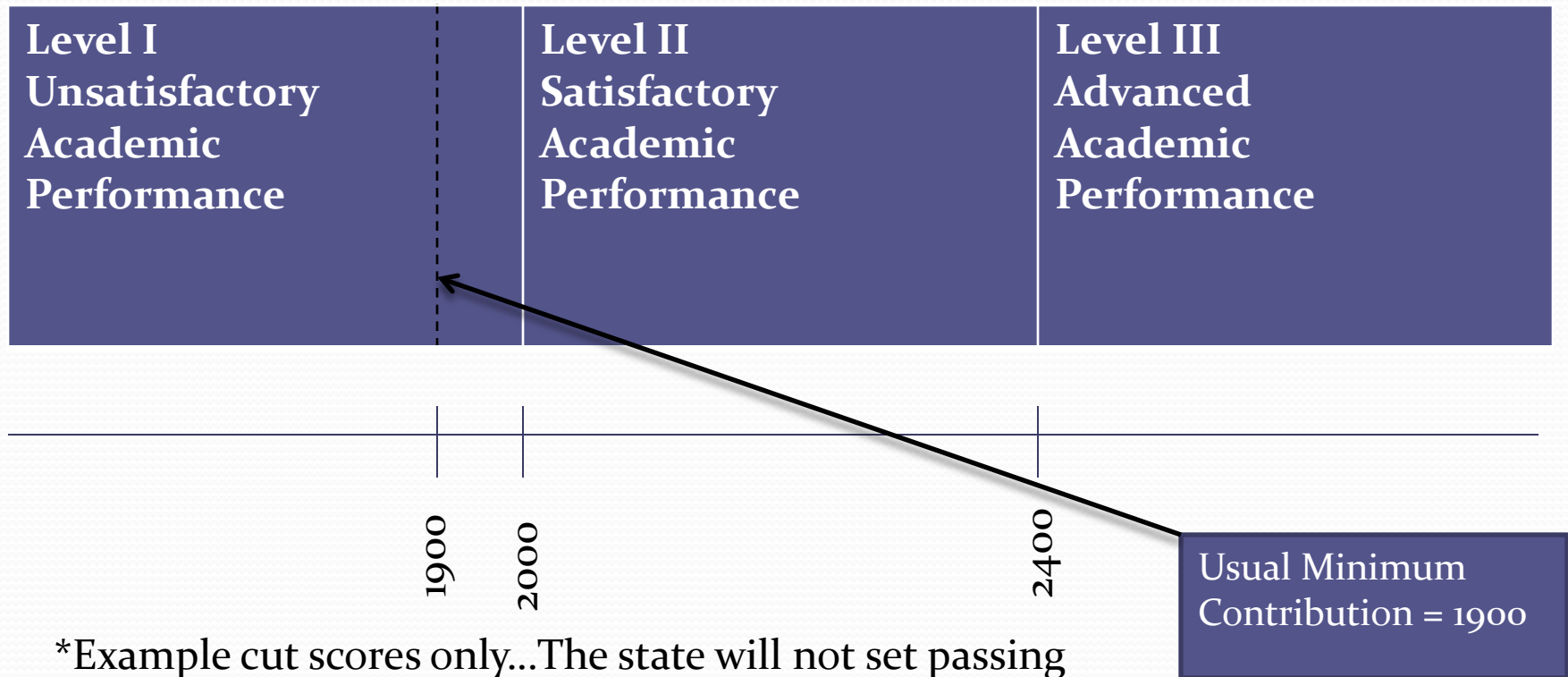
- Level I      Unsatisfactory Academic Performance
- Level II     Satisfactory Academic Performance
- Level III    Advanced Academic Performance

# Students taking EOCs must:

- Achieve a minimum score on all EOCs in which they are enrolled
- Meet the **cumulative score requirement** in each core subject area (math, science, English, social studies)
- Earn Level II or III performance in English III and Algebra II (depending on graduation program)

# College Readiness Standard (Example\*):

Algebra (Min. 1900) + Geometry (Min. 1900) + Algebra II (Min. 2,000 or 2,400 depending on graduation plan)



\*Example cut scores only...The state will not set passing standards until February 2012

# How will students served through the special education program be assessed on STAAR?

- The Admission Review and Dismissal (ARD) committee will decide which STAAR assessments a student should take based on abilities and eligibility requirements (STAAR , STAAR Modified or STAAR Alternate).
- Individual ARD committees will continue to consider the needs of each student and will select the appropriate accommodations and supplemental aids.

# Will EOCs be developed for English Language Learners?

- Linguistically accommodated versions of STAAR (STAAR L) will be available for some EOCs
- STAAR L will be in English and comparable to STAAR in content, level of difficulty, and academic achievement standards

# Other Frequently Asked Questions



# How are EOC assessments related to course grades?

- The score is required to count for 15% of the student's grade in the course
- PN-GISD will establish local guidelines to implement the 15% statutory requirement
- TEA is not planning to provide a method to convert EOC scale scores
- Conversions will be determined by the district

# More about EOCs and grades...

- A conversion chart between EOC scale scores and course grades will be created by the district and used to calculate the Final Grade as required on the Academic Achievement Record (transcript)
- The final grade will not be used in the calculation of GPA and class rank
- GPA and class rank will continue to be calculated based on semester grades as is our current practice





# What happens if my child does not meet the minimum EOC performance standard or if he/she barely meets it?

- Students who fail an EOC will automatically be scheduled to test again during the next administration (summer, fall or spring)
- Accelerated instruction will be provided
- Students who barely pass an EOC exam should **strongly consider** retaking the EOC since a good score on one test can help with a lower score on another
- Students may retake a test for any reason

# Communicating Results

- There will be a process for communicating EOC results and discussing re-testing opportunities
- Parents will receive results through a paper report (CSR) and through the state's online portal (Texas Assessment Management System)

# How will an EOC affect course credit?

- If a student's final grade is less than a 70 after the 15% EOC score is applied, course credit will be denied.
- The student would then retake the course during summer school or during the next school year as is current practice.
- If a student retakes an EOC, the retake score will not be included in the final grade calculation for the course.
- Retake scores will be included in calculations to benefit the student's cumulative score for graduation.

# PNG-ISD Assurances

- Tradition of Excellence
- Needs of our students come first
- Local decisions will be made in the best interests of students based on our strong commitment to student success

# Additional Resources

## District Website

- [www.pngisd.org](http://www.pngisd.org) (Select Parent Information and then Testing Information)

## TEA STAAR Resources

- [www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar)