

Addendum to Idalou High School Student Handbook—2012

The following information is intended as a supplement to the STANDARDIZED TESTING section of the 2011-2012 Idalou High School Student Handbook:

Students entering the **ninth** grade in 2011-2012 are the first class that must meet STAAR End-of-course (EOC) requirements in order to graduate. They will not take the TAKS test. With the new STAAR program, the four TAKS Exit-Level tests will be replaced with twelve end-of-course assessments. All students will take the EOC exam as they complete the corresponding course. The following courses require EOC exams:

English I, English II, English III, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, World Geography, World History, U.S. History

By state law, a student's score on the STAAR EOC must count 15 percent of the student's final course grade.

Idalou High School has adopted the following policies for including the EOC assessments in course grading decisions:

A student's **final course grade** will be calculated with the course average counting as 85% and the EOC score counting as 15%.

Idalou High School will convert the student's scale score on the EOC exam into a numerical grade for the transcript.

A student may retake an EOC as many times as he/she chooses.

We will include the retake score in the calculation of the final course average only if the retake allows the student to gain credit for the course. After a student has received course credit, any further retakes will not be calculated into the final course average.

Idalou High School shall not include scores from end-of-course assessments in calculations for class rank, but will use the average of the two semesters to determine gpa/rank.

Students who do not pass an EOC exam will be provided with accelerated instruction and further opportunities to retest.