

Your Question:

You asked which states are using which types of exams as exit exams for the Class of 2017 and beyond – including which states are using PARCC or SBAC as an exit exam – and which states have dropped exit exam requirements in recent years.

Our Response:

Exit exam requirements for the Class of 2017 and beyond

For the class of 2017, 15 states – Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, and Washington – are requiring students to pass exit exams to graduate from high school. The table below indicates the assessment types and subject areas tested.

Note these states do not include:

- California, which has [postponed](#) its exit exam program for the Classes of 2016 through 2018, and is convening an advisory panel to determine the continuation of the exam beyond these dates.
- Colorado, which will require all students to achieve a [minimum metric](#) for high school graduation effective with the Class of 2021.
- Connecticut, which will require students to pass end-of-course exams in 10th grade English, Algebra I, geometry, biology and American history effective with the Class of 2021.
- Pennsylvania, where Class of 2019 will be required to pass end-of-course Keystone Exams in Literature, Algebra I and Biology.
- Rhode Island, which will [require](#) students to achieve minimum scores on subject area assessments and two performance-based assessments by 2020 (LEAs may implement assessment requirements as early as the Class of 2017).

State	Type of exam	Exit exam subjects	Citation
FL	EOC + standardized (grade 10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading (grade 10 FSA ELA) • Algebra I (EOC) 	Graduation Requirements for Florida's Statewide Assessments ; West's F.S.A. § 1008.22(3)(a)
ID	Standardized (grade 10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Language Usage • Math 	IDAPA 08.02.03.105.06
IN	Standardized (grade 10) (2015-16 school year was last year in which EOCs served as exit exams)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English 10 (ISTEP+) • Grade 10 Math (ISTEP+) 	Indiana Department of Education resource
LA	EOC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English II or English III 	La. Admin Code. tit. 28, pt. CXV, § 2318

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I or Geometry EITHER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> American History 	(B)(2)(a)
MD	EOC or PARCC , depending on which year first enrolled in course (PARCC eff. students enrolled in course for first time in 2016-17)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English (students taking PARCC-aligned courses for the first time in 2016-17 must pass the course AND pass either the PARCC English 10 assessment, the PARCC English 10 re-test, or the Bridge Plan) Algebra (students taking PARCC-aligned courses for the first time in 2016-17 must pass the course AND pass either the PARCC Algebra I assessment, the PARCC Algebra I re-test, or the Bridge Plan) All students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology Government 	COMAR 13A.03.02.09; Maryland High School Graduation Requirements; Information on Assessment Requirements for Graduation 2016-17 and Beyond
MA	EOC + Standardized (grade 10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Language Arts (Grade 10 MCAS) Mathematics (Grade 10 MCAS) Science and Technology EOC in one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology Chemistry Introductory Physics Technology/Engineering 	603 CMR 30.03(2), (3)
NJ	Various: Chosen from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PARCC (ELA Grade 9, 10, 11, or Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II) SAT (Reading or Math) ACT (Reading or Math) ACT Plan (Reading or Math) Accuplacer (Write Placer or Elementary Algebra) PSAT 10 (Reading or Math) PSAT/NMSQT (Reading or Math) ACT Aspire (Reading or Math) ASVAB-AFQT (Composite) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English language arts (see type of exam) Mathematics (see type of exam) 	January 2016 memo

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portfolio Appeal 		
NM	Standardized (state or locally-developed and PARCC) and EOC (for social studies)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading: Chosen from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PARCC ELA III with a score of ≥ 725 PARCC ELA III Reading subscore of ≥ 42 Writing: Chosen from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PARCC ELA III with at least a score of ≥ 725 PARCC ELA III Writing subscore of ≥ 31 Math: Chosen from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PARCC Algebra II with a score of ≥ 725 PARCC Geometry with a score of ≥ 725 PARCC Integrated Mathematics II with a score of ≥ 725 PARCC Integrated Mathematics III with a score of ≥ 725 Science: Grade 11 standards-based assessment (SBA) Social Studies: One state-developed EOC exam 	Graduation Requirements: Primary Demonstration of Competency, Cohort of 2017
NY	EOC	One Regents exam each in the following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Mathematics Science Social Studies Pathways (Additional Regents exam or Department approved alternative in English, math, science, social studies, CTE, arts, or language other than English) 	New York State Education Department, " General Education & Diploma Requirements "; 8 NYCRR 100.5
OH	Standardized (grade 10); transitioning to other options eff. Class of 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading Writing Mathematics Science Social Studies <p>Effective with the Class of 2018, students must</p>	R.C. § 3301.0710(B)(1)

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		<p>meet one of the following three:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earn a cumulative passing score of 18 points using seven state end-of-course exams in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English I • English II • Algebra I • Geometry <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Math I • Integrated II • Biology • American History • American Government 2. Earn 12 points through a state board-approved industry credential or group of credentials AND earn minimum scores on ACT WorkKeys, both subtests and minimum cumulative score 3. Earn “remediation-free” scores in English language arts and math on a nationally recognized college admission exam (i.e., ACT or SAT). 	
OK	EOC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English II • Algebra I <p>TWO OF THE FOLLOWING FIVE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English III • Algebra II • Geometry • Biology I • United States History 	70 Okl.St. Ann. § 1210.523(A)
OR	Standardized OR Other OR Portfolio (OAKS or Smarter Balanced ; ACT; ACT Aspire; Accuplacer; AP (Reading or Math); Asset; Compass; IB (Reading or Math); PLAN (Reading or Math); PSAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Writing • Math 	OAR 581-022-0615(5)(c); Essential Skills Assessment Options

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	(Reading or Math); SAT; WorkKeys (Reading or Math); or Portfolio of student work		
TX	EOC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II Algebra I Biology United States History 	V.T.C.A., Education Code § 39.023(c), § 39.025(a); 19 TAC § 101.3022
VA	EOC	<p>Six Standards of Learning (SOL) exams in the following subjects and quantities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English (2) Mathematics (1) Laboratory Science (1) History and Social Sciences (1) Student-selected 	8 VAC 20-131-50(B)
WA	Standardized (SBAC) and EOC	<p>Classes of 2017 and 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ELA: Either Smarter Balanced ELA; or WA-AIM for students with significant cognitive disabilities Math: Either Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC; Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC; or Smarter Balanced math; or WA-AIM Science: Biology EOC or WA-AIM <p>Class of 2019 and beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ELA: Either Smarter Balanced ELA; or WA-AIM Smarter Balanced math or WA-AIM Science: Biology EOC or WA-AIM 	Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, “State Testing”

States that have dropped exit exam requirements in recent years

The following states have eliminated exit exam requirements since 2011 (bold = percentage of end-of-course exam score factored into student’s final course grade, but students not required to pass end-of-course exam to graduate):

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California (exit exam requirement is on hold for the next few years, not completely eliminated), **Georgia**, Minnesota, **Mississippi**, **North Carolina**, **South Carolina**, **Tennessee**.