

WALTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

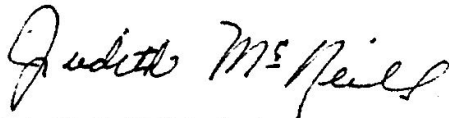
Your child is currently enrolled in a course that requires an End of Course Assessment (EOC) at Walton High School. In mid-May, your child took the Georgia Milestones End of Course (EOC) Assessment. This is a mandatory test given to Georgia high school students to measure how well they are performing in various subjects. The test consists of multiple choice questions as well as free response questions. The state requires this test to count for 20% of the student's overall course grade. We expected scores to be received prior to final exam exemption decisions. However, due to the nature of the test questions and the time required to grade the free response questions, the state has indicated that scores will not be available to the local schools until after exemption decisions will be made. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience.

Walton High School will be giving final exams for spring semester May 23-25. On Friday, May 20th, students will be signing exemption forms. Your child will have to make a decision regarding the final exam in his/her class based on the current grade (without the EOC grade). The final exam in an EOC course weighs 5% of the overall course grade, which is usually less than the weight of a unit test. The student decision regarding the final exam is binding. Students will not be able to take a final or exempt a final after the end of the semester. Please discuss the exemption option with your student to ensure the right decision is made for his or her situation.

All students will receive an "incomplete" for the course until the EOC scores are received. The incomplete will be denoted on their end of semester report card with an "I." When the school receives individual EOC scores, the scores will be entered and final grades will be calculated.

We appreciate your support with this matter. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Thank you,



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