

TESTING OUT
Questions Commonly Asked and the Answers
for
Southgate Community School District

1. **Q. May the district assess a fee to cover extra costs incurred by the testing out process?**
A. No, it is not legal to assess a fee for this purpose. Fees assessed for deposits must be returned when materials are returned.
 2. **Q. If a student has a native language, other than English, which is offered by the district as a course, may he test out using the native tongue to demonstrate proficiency and receive foreign language credit?**
A. Yes
 3. **Q. Are there certain students who we can eliminate from this process?**
A. Pupils enrolled in high school refers to a student who is currently attending a school in the district, or who is formally registered for next semester. This would include all 8th grade students and students from private or parochial schools who plan to enter our district by formally enrolling. Just as we may not pick and choose the courses for testing out availability, we may not pick and choose which students have access to the testing out process.
 4. **Q. Why did we choose a C+ (78%) for the passing grade?**
A. We did not choose this grade. It is part of the law.
 5. **Q. Why do we have to do all of this?**
A. There are a handful of students who are highly skilled in certain areas who are forced to participate in courses or in prerequisite courses. Some of our students have opportunities to learn skills that far exceed our course offerings. This will allow them the opportunity to take other courses we offer. Remember, this probably will not be for the masses, but for a highly skilled few who have exceptional talent(s) Not all students will wish to take advantage of this process.
 6. **Q. Can a student try more than once to test out of the same course?**
A. Yes, but he/she must wait one year. Furthermore, a student who fails a testing out attempt could participate in the testing out process during the next available time period and receive a passing grade for the course by this means.
 7. **Q. What about extra help for these students?**
A. An instructor is not to offer extra assistance for students who wish to participate in the process. If an instructor does this, the equal access for all students is violated. This also violates the idea that the student has already attained mastery.
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