

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

The Maryland State Board of Education has determined that beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, students entering ninth grade (Class of 2027) will be required to take End of Course (EOC) exams in the Government and Biology courses. The End of Course (EOC) exam is a state-administered high school assessment, which will be incorporated into the Government and Biology courses to replace the traditional final exam. This End of Course (EOC) exam will be comprised of 20% of the student's final course grade in these two courses. This model ensures that 80% of the entire course grade is produced from teacher created and graded content. Any testing accommodations found in a student's Individualized Education Program, 504 Plan, and/or English learner plan must be followed. Please See the table below for the administration timeline that aligns with CCPS course sequencing, as well as the link below for additional information.

	2023-2024	2024-2025
Government	Maryland Comprehensive Assessment for Government End of Course (EOC) Exam	EOC Exam
Biology	<i>Students must participate in the Maryland Integrated Science assessment</i>	EOC Exam

[More information about the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program](#)

This newly approved legislation (COMAR 13A.03.02) will only impact ninth grade students enrolled in Government during the 2023-2024 school year. Please see the table below detailing how students enrolled in a Government or AP Government course will be impacted.

	MSDE End of Course Exam (20%)	Local course Final Exam (10%)	Advance Placement (AP) Exam
Government (9th grade only)	Exam will count as final exam for 20%		
Government (10th grade and up)	Student must <i>participate</i> in the EOC exam.	Local course final exam will count for 10%	
AP Government & Politics	Student must <i>participate</i> in the EOC exam.	Local course final exam will count for 10%	Student has the option to register for the AP exam

If you have additional questions, please feel free to reach out to your school's administrator or the content supervisor.