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To: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs  
Lead Administrators, Charter Schools

From: William J. Hussey, Director  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "WJH", written over the name "William J. Hussey".

Re: North Carolina Final Exam Requirements

This memo serves as guidance for the North Carolina Final Exams (NCFE) requirement for Exceptional Children.

In accordance with State Policy and Federal Law, North Carolina's statewide testing policy requires all students with disabilities to participate in the statewide testing program by taking the general state-mandated tests with or without accommodations; or, by participating in the North Carolina alternate assessment with or without accommodations. Currently, the only alternate assessment option in North Carolina is the NCEXTEND1, which requires participating students to meet the eligibility criteria established by the NCDPI. Students who previously participated in the NCEXTEND2 will take the general state-mandated tests with or without accommodations in compliance with their IEP.

Students who are currently following the Occupational Course of Study (OCS) will participate in the NCFE, in the required courses, as indicated in the attached chart. This policy is in accordance with IDEA and NCLB.

If you have additional questions, please contact [beverly.colwell@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:beverly.colwell@dpi.nc.gov).

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## Course Codes Aligned with the NC Final Exams 2014–2015

Refer to the following chart for a list of course codes that align with the NC Final Exams to be administered during the 2014–2015 school year.

2014–2015 NC Final Exams		
Course Code (First 4 characters)	Course Name	NC Final Exam Required (Cover Title)
1021	English I	English Language Arts I
1023	English III	English Language Arts III
1024	English IV	English Language Arts IV
9210 <sup>1</sup>	English I	English Language Arts I
9212 <sup>1</sup>	English III	English Language Arts III
9213 <sup>1</sup>	English IV	English Language Arts IV
4004	Social Studies Grade 4	Grade 4 Social Studies
4005	Social Studies Grade 5	Grade 5 Social Studies
4006	Social Studies Grade 6	Grade 6 Social Studies
4007	Social Studies Grade 7	Grade 7 Social Studies
4008	Social Studies Grade 8	Grade 8 Social Studies
4209	Civics and Economics	Civics and Economics
4301	United States History	U.S. History
4303	World History	World History
4304	American History Course I: The Founding Principles	American History I
4305	American History Course II	American History II
9247 <sup>1</sup>	American History Course I: The Founding Principles	American History I
9248 <sup>1</sup>	American History Course II	American History II
3004	Science Grade 4	Grade 4 Science
3006	Science Grade 6	Grade 6 Science
3007	Science Grade 7	Grade 7 Science
3410	Physical Science	Physical Science
3420	Chemistry	Chemistry
3430	Physics	Physics
3501	Earth/Environmental Science	Earth/Environmental Science

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2200	Geometry	Geometry
2201	Math II	Math II
2300	Algebra II	Algebra II
2301	Math III	Math III
2302	Integrated Mathematics III	Integrated Math III
2400	Advanced Functions and Modeling	Advanced Functions and Modeling
2401	Discrete Mathematics	Discrete Mathematics
2403	Pre-Calculus	Precalculus

<sup>1</sup>Students enrolled in Occupational Course of Study (OCS) English I (9210B), III (9212B), IV (9213B), American History I (9247B), and American History II (9248B) receive instruction in general curriculum standards and must take the associated NCFE.

For questions regarding course codes, contact local district curriculum and instruction personnel.