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

From: William J. Hussey, Director 
Exceptional Children Division

Re: End-of-Course Assessments and NC Final Exams

This memo serves as clarification related to questions that have been received by the Department of Public Instruction related to End-of-Course (EOC) assessments and NC Final Exams (previously called Measures of Student Learning (MSLs) or Common Exams) and how they apply to Exceptional Children.

- All students who are enrolled in a grade/subject or course with a NC Final Exam or EOC assessment shall take that assessment, with or without accommodations, in compliance with their IEP.
- Students on the Extended Content Standards participate in the *NCEXTEND1*.
- *NCEXTEND2* EOG and *NCEXTEND2* EOC assessments are available this year (2013-14) but will no longer be available beginning 2014-15.
- There are no *NCEXTEND2* NC Final Exams.
- Students on the Occupational Course of Study (OCS) will participate in the EOC Assessment associated with that course.
- There are no NC Final Exams for OCS courses.
- If a student on the OCS is enrolled in a general education course with a NC Final Exam, then they will take that exam as a member of that class.
- The State Board of Education policy requiring that a NC Final Exam or EOC assessments must count as a minimum of 20 percent of a student's grade does not apply to students on the Occupational Course of Study. However, individual districts may have a local policy that requires the score to be counted as part of the final grade. Therefore, you must check with your district on local policy around this requirement.
- A group of OCS Teachers are participating in the spring Analysis of Student Work pilot to determine if this might be a future option for gathering Standard 6 data.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Beverly Colwell at Beverly.Colwell@dpi.nc.gov.

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