

AYP and Student Assessment

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AYP News

Method for Calculating AYP

- The method for calculating AYP has not changed.
- The three models for AYP still remain: Status, Safe Harbor, and Growth.
- Status and Safe Harbor designations are still interchangeable.
- Growth is a stand-alone model--each subpopulation must be designated with a "YES" in order to receive credit under growth.

Assignment of Labels

- Smart Accountability labels will be applied for AYP.
- There are 25 labels now instead of 3.
- Each of the labels is specific for each individual school's status.
- There is a procedure in place to make sure that the new label aligns to old label designations.

Supplemental Educational Services and School Choice

- Parent letters regarding school choice must be sent based on preliminary status.
- Schools should receive their preliminary status notifications this week via certified mail.
- School AYP and discrepancy reports are currently available on the NORMES site.
- Please refer to Commissioner's Memo COM-09-203 for more information.

Appeals Process

- Schools will have 30 days from the receipt of the preliminary notifications to submit appeals.
- Appeals must be received by Dr. Gayle Potter no later than 4:30 p.m. on the 30th day. You are strongly advised to send all appeals via certified mail so you will have a tracking mechanism regarding delivery.

Appeals Process

- The Superintendent's Certification Letter and Official Appeals Form to ADE, as well as an Electronic submission to NORMES, are required as part of an appeal.
- Please refer to Commissioner's Memo COM-10-007 on proper procedures and documentation requirements for submitting appeals. This memo has links to the forms required by ADE. The NORMES electronic submission form can be found at the NORMES Web site.

Appeals versus Data Corrections

- Appeals must be submitted to the ADE to the attention of Dr. Gayle Potter.
- Data corrections must be sent electronically to NORMES.
- Schools are obligated under the Code of Ethics to exhibit truthfulness in reporting of data.



More AYP News

- **Changes to School Reconfiguration Forms**
- **1% Cap will use District Mobility**

Assessment News

Act 1307 of 2009

- Act 1307 establishes two types of End-of-Course (EOC) assessments: general and high stakes.
- Biology and Geometry are considered general EOC assessments.
- Algebra I and English II are considered high stakes EOC assessments.

General EOC Assessments

- **Biology and Geometry will continue to be used to fulfill requirements of NCLB.**
- **Students who do not score at the Proficient level must have an AIP and complete remediation in order to receive credit for the course.**

Algebra I EOC Assessment

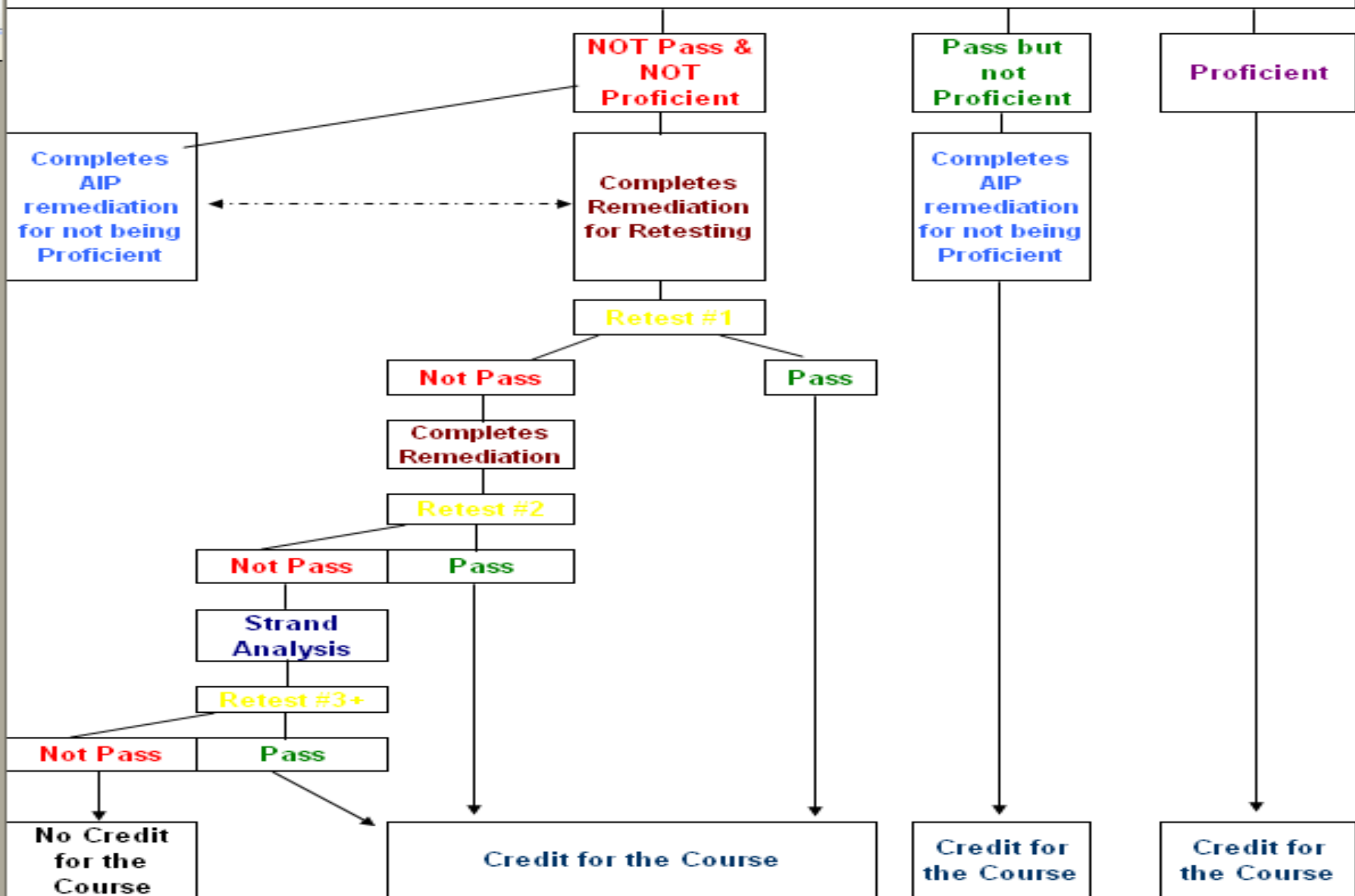
- Beginning in 2009-2010, students in grades 9 and below enrolled in Algebra I for high school credit must pass the Algebra I EOC to receive a credit for the course.
- Algebra I will continue to be used to fulfill NCLB requirements.

English II EOC Assessment

- Beginning in 2013-2014, students in grade 10 must pass the English II EOC to receive a credit for the course.
- A committee has met to begin writing Grade 9 and 10 course standards.
- The Grade 11 Literacy Assessment will continue to be used to fulfill NCLB requirements.

Flowchart for EOC Assessments 2009-2010 (After ACT 1307)

Student takes the Initial EOC Assessment



Notification

- **Student Handbook**
- **Letter to Parents and Guardians**

Distinction between NCLB and State Accountability

- NCLB performance level descriptors and cut scores remain the same: *Advanced, Proficient, Basic, and Below Basic*.
- The performance level descriptor and cut score for *Pass* are part of the state accountability system.

Remediation

- AIPs are required for NCLB.
- IAIPs are required for Algebra I and English II as part of the state accountability system.

Sundries

- Algebra II standard setting has been completed.
- Performance levels for Algebra II are Well Prepared, Prepared, and Needs Preparation.
- Expected release date for Algebra II score reports is August 26.
- An embargoed draft of the College and Career Ready Grade 12 Common Core Standards has been distributed to state departments of education for feedback.