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End of Course Tests Results Show Significant Improvements

(Columbus, GA)-System results are in for End of Course Tests (EOCT) and the Muscogee County School District (MCSD) shows improvement and met or exceeded state averages in several areas. In 2011 – 2012, the EOCT became Georgia's high school accountability assessment as part of the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI), which aligns with Georgia's state mandated content standards and include assessment of specific content knowledge and skills. The assessments provide diagnostic information to help students identify strengths and areas of need in learning, therefore improving performance in all high school courses. EOCT also provide data to evaluate the effectiveness of classroom instruction at the school, system and state level.

The MCSD shows gains in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) focus areas (science and math). There are notable gains in Biology (5 percentage point increase) and Physical Science (13 percentage point increase).

"We are pleased the EOCT results continued the upward trend of improvement this past year that revealed district increases in five of seven comparable areas and met or exceeded state averages in six of eight areas," said Superintendent David Lewis. "Our students and school communities are commended for their hard work toward achieving full option graduation."

End-of-Course Tests are currently offered in the following courses:

English Language Arts

- Ninth Grade Literature and Composition
- American Literature and Composition

Mathematics

- Analytic Geometry
- Coordinate Algebra

Science

- Biology
- Physical Science

Social Studies

- United States History
- Economics/Business/Free Enterprise

With the implementation of the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS) in 2014-2015, the End-of-Course exams will be part of a new consistent testing program across grades 3 - 12. The improved alignment aims to further advance student growth with more seamless feedback.

Additional information can be found in the Student Assessment Handbook from the [Georgia Department of Education](#) or contact communications@muscogee.k12.ga.us .

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