



## SHAKER HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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School Counselors and Assistant Principals identified students who need to re-take one or more End-of-Course (EOC) exams in December and letters, with the following information, were sent home to their families this week. The EOCs are a series of state-mandated exams that students must take in order to earn their high school diploma.

Here is our testing schedule for EOC retakes:

- Monday, 12/4 -- English
- Tuesday, 12/5 -- Math
- Wednesday, 12/6 -- Government and U.S. History; Biology and Physical Science

**IMPORTANT FOR ALL TO NOTE: SHHS will operate on a delayed-start schedule all three days.** As the date of your child's test(s) approaches, we will communicate specific information, as to when and where they are to report.

In order to help your child prepare to successfully take (and pass!) their EOC, we are providing a number of interventions and supports.

### **What We're Doing**

- We're using a comprehensive approach to reach all students needing support to pass the EOCs.
- All Core Departments (Language & Literature, Math, Science, and Individuals & Societies) are using some class time devoted to strengthening student abilities to take and pass the EOCs in those areas. Examples include starting each class with an EOC-style question or actual released EOC test question from past exams. Teachers have also been asked to modify their class assessments to make their test questions mirror the EOC test questions.
- USA Test Prep -- SHHS purchased site licenses for this program. Teachers in Core Departments will use this program in various ways, in class and after school, with all students.
- During after-school conference time, all Core Departments are offering additional EOC intervention opportunities. Please follow the schedule on the next page:

## November

| Sunday | Monday                | Tuesday                                | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|-----------------------|--|--|---|--------|----------|
|        |                       |  | 1  | 2<br>Soc. St. Rm 258  | 3      | 4        |
| 5      | 6                     | 7                                      | 8<br>Alg. 1-Rm 101<br>Geo. Rm 155<br>Biology Rm 172  | 9<br>Alg. 1-Rm 101<br>Geo. Rm 155<br>Soc. St. Rm 258<br>English Rm 153  | 10     | 11       |
| 12     | 13                    | 14<br>Biology Rm 172<br>English Rm 153 | 15<br>Alg. 1-Rm 101<br>Geo. Rm 155<br>Biology Rm 172 | 16<br>Alg. 1-Rm 101<br>Geo. Rm 155<br>English Rm 153                    | 17     | 18       |
| 19     | 20                    | 21                                     | 22   | 23  | 24     | 25       |
| 26     | 27<br>Soc. St. Rm 258 | 28<br>Biology Rm 172<br>English Rm 153 | 29<br>Alg. 1-Rm 101<br>Geo. Rm 155                   | 30<br>Alg. 1-Rm 101<br>Geo. Rm 155<br>Soc. St. Rm 258<br>English Rm 153 | 1      | 2        |
| 3      | 4<br>Soc. St. Rm 258  | 5<br>Biology Rm 172                    |  |   |        |          |

- We have hired highly qualified, experienced tutors to provide intensive, individualized support for selected students during the school day. Students served will be pulled out of study halls and free periods, and possibly non-Core classes (ex.--Art, Music, PE) as a last resort.

### **How Families Can Help**

- Actively and positively encourage your child to attend and participate in any and all of our intervention opportunities.
- Encourage your child to get plenty of sleep the night before their EOC.

- Encourage your child to eat a healthy breakfast the morning of their EOC.
- Starting immediately, encourage your child to take the online practice tests offered by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Taking the online practice test allows your child to more closely simulate the experience they will have on the day of the actual test. Here is how to access the online practice tests:
  - a. Go to ODE's website: <https://education.ohio.gov/>
  - b. Click on "Parents" on the menu bar
  - c. Scroll down to "High School"
  - d. Click on "Practice Test Login"
  - e. Click on "Student Practice Site" (has an icon of a bicycle)
  - f. Click "Sign In" (no need to enter any personal information)
  - g. Select your grade from the drop-down menu, then click "Yes"
  - h. Choose which practice test to take
  - i. Choose your settings, then click "Select"
  - j. Follow the prompts about settings and your selected test
  - k. Click "Begin Test Now"
- There are many resources on this website. One of the most useful features is the "Score Item" feature. For every question a student answers, they can choose "Score Item" by clicking on the three horizontal lines in the upper-right corner. Doing this instantly tells a student whether their answer is correct or incorrect, and it explains the answer for them.

### **Other Helpful Information**

- If you have any questions about your child's EOC status, please contact your school counselor.
- According to the state, we may expect to receive December EOC results by February 26, 2018. The state will send us the printed family reports by March 27, 2018. We will work to share these reports with students and families as soon as possible following their release to us.