

## **5.0 MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8) STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN**

### **5.3044 Course Assessments**

For each middle school course a student is enrolled in, he/she will be given an End of Course (EOC) assessment near the end of each course to measure student mastery of the Florida Standards for that course. The assessment may be developed at the national, state, or local level. A locally developed EOC assessment for middle school courses will count as 10% of the final semester grade for each semester. Each nine (9) weeks grade will count as 45% of the final semester grade. For high school courses taken in the middle school, each nine (9) weeks will count as 45% of the semester grade and the local EOC assessment will count as 10% of the semester grade. If the course (middle or high) includes a state developed End of Course (EOC) exam, the EOC exam will count as 30% of the student's final end of year grade. Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) will not count in the student's grade for courses assessed by an FSA assessment.

## **6.0 HIGH SCHOOL (GRADE 9-12) STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN**

### **6.4034 Absenteeism**

Absenteeism equal to 10 or more absences during a semester unit of instruction or five (5) or more absences during a quarter unit of instruction requires the demonstration of mastery of the course for all students, except those students enrolled in competency based dropout prevention programs as follows:

1. Meeting the class requirements of the semester of instruction and earning a teacher-assigned passing semester grade.
2. Demonstrating proficiency (Level 3) on a standardized end of course assessment EOC will demonstrate a mastery of course standards.

### **6.4065 Course Assessments**

For each high school course a student is enrolled in, he/she will be given an End of Course (EOC) assessment near the end of each course to measure student mastery of the Florida Standards for that course. The assessment may be developed at the national, state, or local level. A locally developed EOC assessment for the high school courses will count as 10% of the final semester grade. Each nine (9) weeks grade will count as 45% of the final semester grade. If the course includes a state developed End of Course (EOC) exam, the EOC exam will count as 30% of the student's final end of year grade. Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) will not count in the student's grade for courses assessed by the FSA.

**6.4031 Mastery of Student Performance Standards: Regular**

Mastery of student performance standards for general education students must be demonstrated for each course prior to credit being awarded. Demonstrated mastery can be determined by one or more of the following: checklists, class assignment, teacher observation, performance evaluation, production evaluation, passing a post-assessment at the conclusion of a course recovery session, obtaining a passing course average, passing a subject area end of course assessment covering the performance standards of the unit of instruction in a course for which credit is awarded.

**6.4035 Semester Credit**

Semester credit will be awarded on a one-half credit earned system. A student in a full credit (1.0) course will receive one-half credit (0.5) if the student successfully completes (passing average) either the first or second semester of the course but fails the other semester and the averaging of the semester grades (utilizing the end of course assessment percentage) would not result in an overall passing grade. One full credit equals a minimum of 135 hours of instruction in a course containing student performance standards, unless a waiver has been granted by the Department of Education for less time. Districts may offer courses of more than 135 hours for credit.

**6.4036 Full Year Credit**

Full credit (1.0) will be awarded in a full credit course if the student successfully completes (passing average) either the first or second semester of the course but fails to successfully complete the other semester and the averaging of the grades of each semester (including the end of course assessment percentage) results in a passing grade, except under the provisions of Section 6.403.

**6.5022 Test Exemption Policy**

As of the 2014-2015 school year, Santa Rosa County District high schools will not allow any exemptions for final semester assessments or final end of course assessments.