



Dear Parents,

In an effort to keep you informed regarding the legislative changes made to the assessment requirements for graduation and how Spectrum High School students will satisfy those requirements, we have compiled the following:

Current Sophomores, Junior, and Seniors - Classes of 2014-2016

- Spectrum students are expected to meet the Grad requirement in writing taken in 9th grade. Retests will be given for those not meeting the requirement in 9th grade.
- Spectrum students are expected to earn a proficient score on grade 10 Reading MCA and grade 11 Mathematics MCA. Retest opportunities will be offered for those who did not meet proficiency. A remediation course is required after two attempts, if proficiency has not been achieved.
- Spectrum students who are not able to meet GRAD requirements listed above may fulfill the state graduation requirement by participating in the ACT, ACCUPLACER, or approved college entrance test offering a component in writing, reading, and/or math.

Current Freshman – Class of 2017

- These students will not participate in the GRAD assessments, but will take the 10th grade Reading MCA, as well as the new 10th grade Career and College Assessments in their sophomore year. These students will meet graduation requirements by participating in the college and career assessment system currently under development, which will debut in 2014-2015. According to MDE, “The career and college assessment system will consist of a grade 8 and 10 Career and College Assessment and grade 11 College Entrance Assessment. Students not yet academically ready for a career or college based on their growth in academic achievement between grades 8 and 10 must take the college placement diagnostic exam before taking the college entrance assessment in grade 11.” It is possible that the College Entrance Assessment could be the American College Test.