



# End-of-Course Assessments

What we know as of ...

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In 2007, Senate Bill 1031 called for the development of end-of-course (EOC) assessment instruments for secondary-level courses

Algebra I

Algebra II

Geometry

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

English I

English II

English III

World Geography

World History

United States History



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- Purpose
  - The EOC assessments will measure students' academic performance in core high school courses
- What everyone should know
  - Success on EOC assessments becomes part of the graduation requirements beginning with the freshman class of 2011–2012.
  - A student's score on each EOC assessment will be worth 15% of the student's final grade for the corresponding course.

## Plan for phase-out of HS TAKS and phase-in of EOC assessments

### When will the testing program change?

|          | 2008–2009 | 2009–2010 | 2010–2011 | 2011–2012 | 2012–2013 | 2013–2014 |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Grade 9  | TAKS      | TAKS      | TAKS      | EOC       | EOC       | EOC       |
| Grade 10 | TAKS      | TAKS      | TAKS      | TAKS      | EOC       | EOC       |
| Grade 11 | TAKS      | TAKS      | TAKS      | TAKS      | TAKS      | EOC       |
| Grade 12 | TAKS*     | TAKS*     | TAKS*     | TAKS*     | TAKS*     | TAKS*     |

\*Out-of-school testers and 12<sup>th</sup> grade re-testers

- So what does this mean?
  - The graduating class of the 2015 (2014-15) (students currently in grade 7) will be the first group required to meet EOC assessment standards in order to graduate.
  - Students currently in grades 8 – 12 must pass exit level Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) to graduate.

# What's the difference between TAKS and end-of-course assessments?

- Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)
  - TAKS assesses **SOME** TEKS
  - EOC assessment assesses **MOST** TEKS
- Graduation Requirements
  - Four (4) Exit Level TAKS Tests taken in grade 11
  - Twelve (12) EOC assessments taken when the course is taken


# What's the difference between TAKS and end-of-course assessments?

## – Sequence

- TAKS aligned to grade level
- EOC assessments aligned to course

## – College Readiness

- TAKS score equated to college readiness
- EOC assessments in designated upper-level high school courses include a series of special purpose questions to measure college readiness

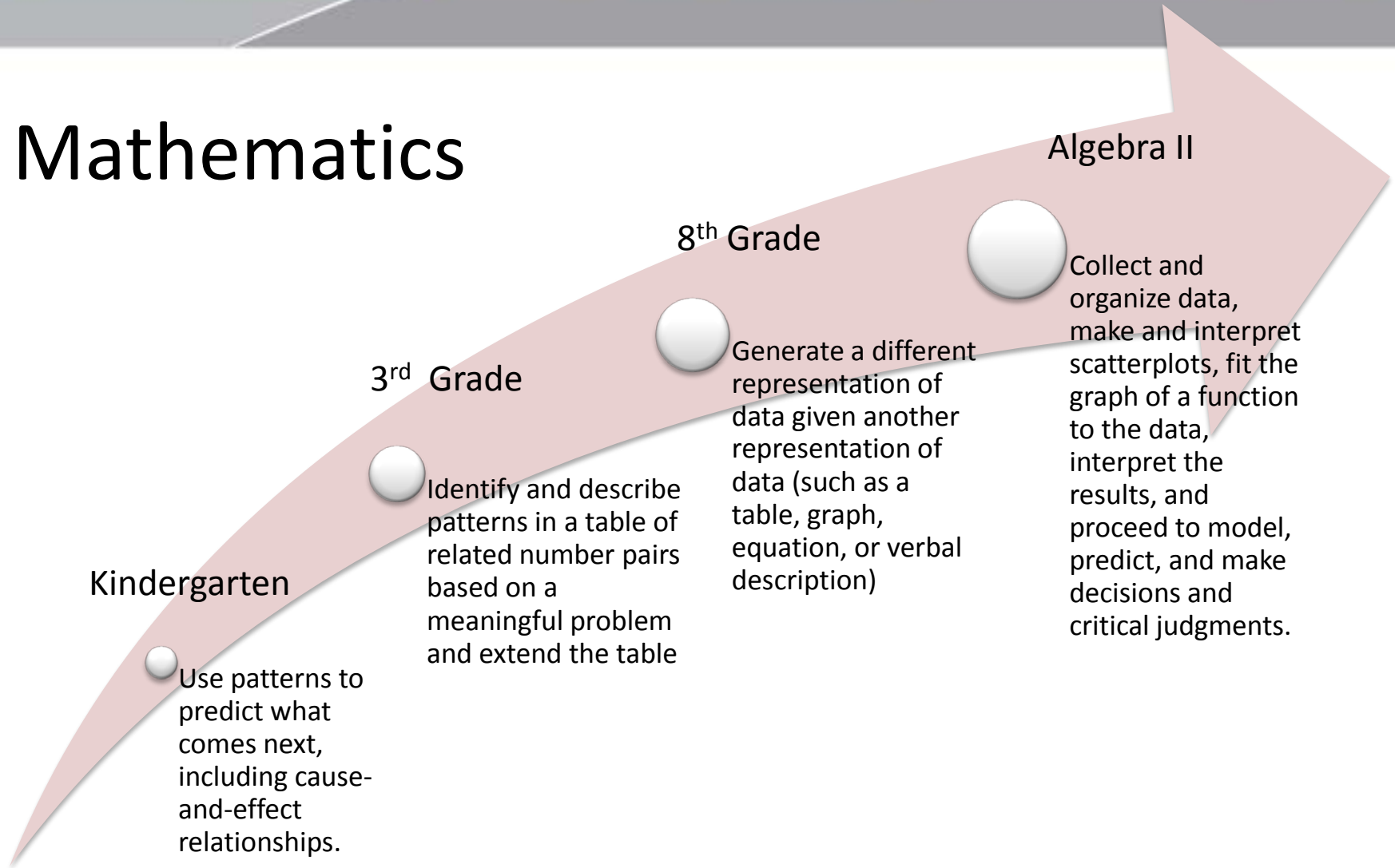


Are end-of-course assessments  
only important for secondary schools?

**NO**

The learning that occurs in elementary schools  
and middle schools is **CRITICAL** for students to  
meet the EOC assessment standards.

# Mathematics



# Questions??

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