



Ridgeview Global Studies Academy

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Dear Ridgeview Parents and Students,

On April 9, 2021, Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran signed an Emergency Order impacting student's requirements for state mandated assessments, student progression and promotion, accountability, and student scholarships for the 2020-21 school year. While items in the emergency order address how the school and students will be impacted, it is not a cancellation of state or national assessments. **Ridgeview Global Studies Academy (RGSA) students are still encouraged to participate in all state and national assessments.**

[FDOE Emergency Order 2021-EO-02](#) provides the following guidance:

3rd Grade Promotion to 4th Grade

Emergency Order: School Districts may promote students to 4th grade regardless of the absence of an English Language Arts (ELA) assessment score or the absence of a Level 2 or higher ELA score, **if the district is able to determine that a student is performing at least at Level 2 on the ELA assessment.**

- **Ridgeview** – RGSA tested all 3rd grade students on the FSA ELA assessment. Promotion to 4th grade will be based on a combination of Level 2 or higher on FSA, classroom performance, i-Ready assessments, portfolios (if applicable), and/or summer reading camp (if applicable).

End-of-Course Exams

Emergency Order: Allows districts and schools local discretion to determine promotion and course grade decisions, including courses that require end-of-course (EOC) exams.

- **Ridgeview** - RGSA Administration will be recommending to the Board of Directors that promotion and final course grades in any RGSA course which requires an End-of-Course (EOC) assessment may be based solely on the student's academic performance in such course (regardless of the student's EOC exam score). In other words, the EOCs **will not count for 30%** of the final course grade. However, students are still encouraged to take the state EOC assessments. The information from state assessments enables RGSA to understand students' academic performance, provide better student support, and improve instructional methods for successful student outcomes. The EOCs are also part of the criteria for the Scholar diploma designation for students seeking that designation.
- RGSA highly recommends participation in state EOC assessments during the year in which the courses are taken. **IMPORTANT:** No adjustment to graduation requirements has been made to students graduating *after* the 2020-21 school year. **The 10th Grade FSA ELA assessment and the Algebra 1 / Geometry EOC are still high school graduation requirements for non-seniors.**

Bright Futures Scholarship / Volunteer Hours

For Ridgeview students, the emergency order has no impact on the Bright Futures requirements because it only applies to current seniors. Therefore, RGSA students seeking Bright Futures scholarships should still plan to complete the required volunteer hours.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Trapnell for grades K-5 or Mr. Thacker for grades 6-10.

RGSA Administration