

## Ann Arbor Public Schools Implementation Guidelines State Graduation Requirements for Algebra I and Geometry

- There are new state requirements for how students receive credit in Algebra I and Geometry for the class of 2011 and beyond
- Under the new law, the state has defined High School Content Expectations (HSCEs) for each required course.
- The process for awarding credit must include an assessment of student performance on the HSCEs. For our Algebra I and Geometry courses, this will be a Common Assessment given as a semester exam.
- Ann Arbor Public Schools has provided three pathways for different learners to achieve successful completion for credit that include this Common Assessment.
  - Option 1: Pass the Common Assessment with a score of 70% or higher
  - Option 2: Earn a 70% or higher weighted average of the Common Assessment (weighted 10%) and the unit assessments for that course (weighted 90%)
  - Option 3: Documented successful completion of 80% of the HSCEs and participation in the Common Assessment.
- Classroom teachers will continue to determine the student's letter grade, but any student who completes one of the three options will receive a passing grade (A-D).
- Students who have not yet successfully completed one of the three options will NOT yet have credit for the course and will have a Status Code of "Z" for the course. The Status Code "Z" means that the student has not yet successfully completed the requirements for high school credit. The student will need to meet with his/her teacher and counselor to develop a plan for completing the credit in the succeeding semester or during summer school. *The plans may vary depending on how close the student is to a passing score. For example, a first semester student very close to passing might continue the class second semester with the teacher monitoring achievement of any missing HSCEs. A student with somewhat lower performance might add a support class that provides recovery of missing HSCEs and support for continuing the second semester Algebra class. A student with very low performance may need to retake the first semester course in Algebra Recovery (Grade 9) or, if in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, move to the regular 8<sup>th</sup> grade math class and take Algebra as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader.*

The Status Code Z must be converted to a letter grade (A, B, C, D, E) by the end of the next semester or summer school. Students who receive an E at

**Ann Arbor Public Schools Implementation Guidelines  
State Graduation Requirements for Algebra I and Geometry**

this point will NOT receive credit for the course and must retake the course.

Example: If a student falls short in Algebra IA or Geometry (1<sup>st</sup> semester), then they have until the end of the next semester to meet the requirements for credit. Likewise, if a student falls short in Algebra IB or Geometry (2<sup>nd</sup> semester) then they have until the end of first semester of the following year to meet the requirements for credit.