

## **Policy for Students Who Repeat<sup>1</sup> a Grade or Skip a Grade During the 2014–2015 School Year**

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### **Students who repeat a grade:**

#### **ELA/Literacy and Mathematics:** Grades 3–8 and 11

Business rule: Students assigned to grades 3–8 or 11, even those repeating the grade, will be assessed in each of these content areas at their current grade.

Data implications: Students assigned to these grades, including repeaters, will be counted as part of the participation rate for the State Summary.

#### **Science:** Grades 5, 8, and 10

Business rule: Students assigned to grades 5, 8, or 10, even those repeating the grade, will be assessed in this content area.

Data implications: Students assigned to these grades, including repeaters, will be counted as part of the participation rate for the State Summary.

#### **Social Studies:** Grades 4, 7, and US History End of Course

Business rule: Students assigned to grades 4 and 7, even those repeating the grade, will be assessed in Social Studies. Students who repeat the US History course will repeat the US History End of Course.

Data implications: Students assigned to these grades and/or US History, including repeaters, will be counted as part of the participation rate for the State Summary.

#### **PSAT/SAT:** Grades 10 and 11

Business rule: Students assigned to grade 10 (PSAT) and grade 11 (SAT), even those repeating the grade, will take the PSAT (grade 10) and SAT (grade 11).

Data implications: Students assigned to these grades, including repeaters, will be counted as part of the participation rate for State Summary.

### **Students who skip a grade:**

**Grades 3–8:** If a student skips a grade, he/she must take any assessment required for the skipped grade. However, the advanced grade-level Smarter assessments for ELA and mathematics may be substituted for the Smarter ELA and mathematics from the skipped grade.

For example, DCAS Science is tested in grade 5. Therefore, a student being promoted from grade 4 directly to grade 6 is required to take the DCAS Science assessment assigned in grade 5, in addition to the Smarter ELA/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments for grade 6. The grade 5 Smarter assessments are waived for this student.

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<sup>1</sup> Note that Repeaters are a part of the State Summary participation calculations. Decisions regarding Accountability Summary ratings will be shared at a later date.

**High School:** All high school students are **required** to take the following assessments even if they skip a grade:

- Smarter ELA/Literacy Assessment – grade 11
- Smarter Mathematics Assessment – grade 11
- DCAS Science – a student who skips from grade 9 to grade 11 is still required to take the grade 10 DCAS Science assessment
- DCAS End-of-Course US History – unless the student is taking an Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) assessment in US History

The following high school-level assessments are not required if the specified grade is skipped:

- Pre-Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) School Day – taken in grade 10
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) School Day – taken in grade 11