



**State of Texas Assessments
of Academic Readiness**

**Program Overview
Spring 2012**

Students and Subjects

STAAR End of Course (EOC)

- **Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II**
- **World Geography, World History, US History**
- **Biology, Chemistry, Physics**
- **English I, II, III (Reading and Writing are two separate tests administered on two different days)**

Phase In Plan

- STAAR Students
 - Students who are first time ninth graders in 2011-12 and students who are in grades 3-8 in 2011-12
- TAKS Students
 - Students who were first time ninth graders in 2010-11 or earlier

2011-12 Testing Calendar (HS)

- March 7
 - TAKS ELA
- March 26-30
 - STAAR EOC English (reading/writing)
- April 24-28
 - TAKS math, science and social studies
- May 7-17
 - STAAR EOC for math, science and social studies
- July 9-13
 - STAAR EOC re-test (all)
 - Exit level TAKS re-test



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Graduation Requirements

STAAR Graduates

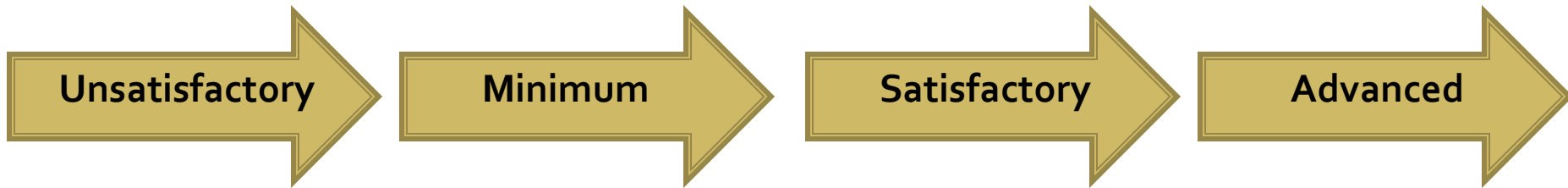
- A student must earn at least the “minimum” score on all End-of-Course STAAR assessments taken
- A student must achieve a cumulative score in each EOC assessed subject area (math, English, science, social studies)

Performance Labels

- There will be two cut scores, which will identify three performance categories for the general STAAR assessments.
- The labels for the performance categories are
 - Level III: Advanced Academic Performance
 - Level II: Satisfactory Academic Performance
 - Level I: Unsatisfactory Academic Performance

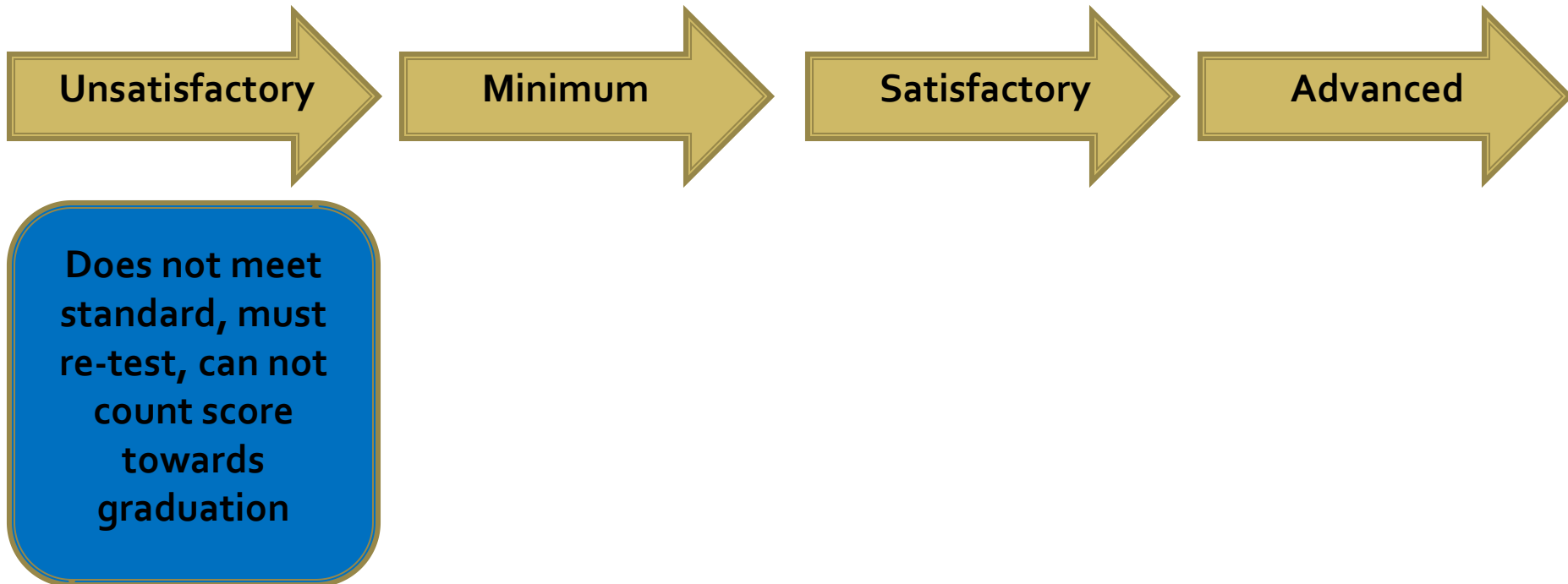
Minimum Score

- The End-of-Course STAAR Assessments will have a range of performance.



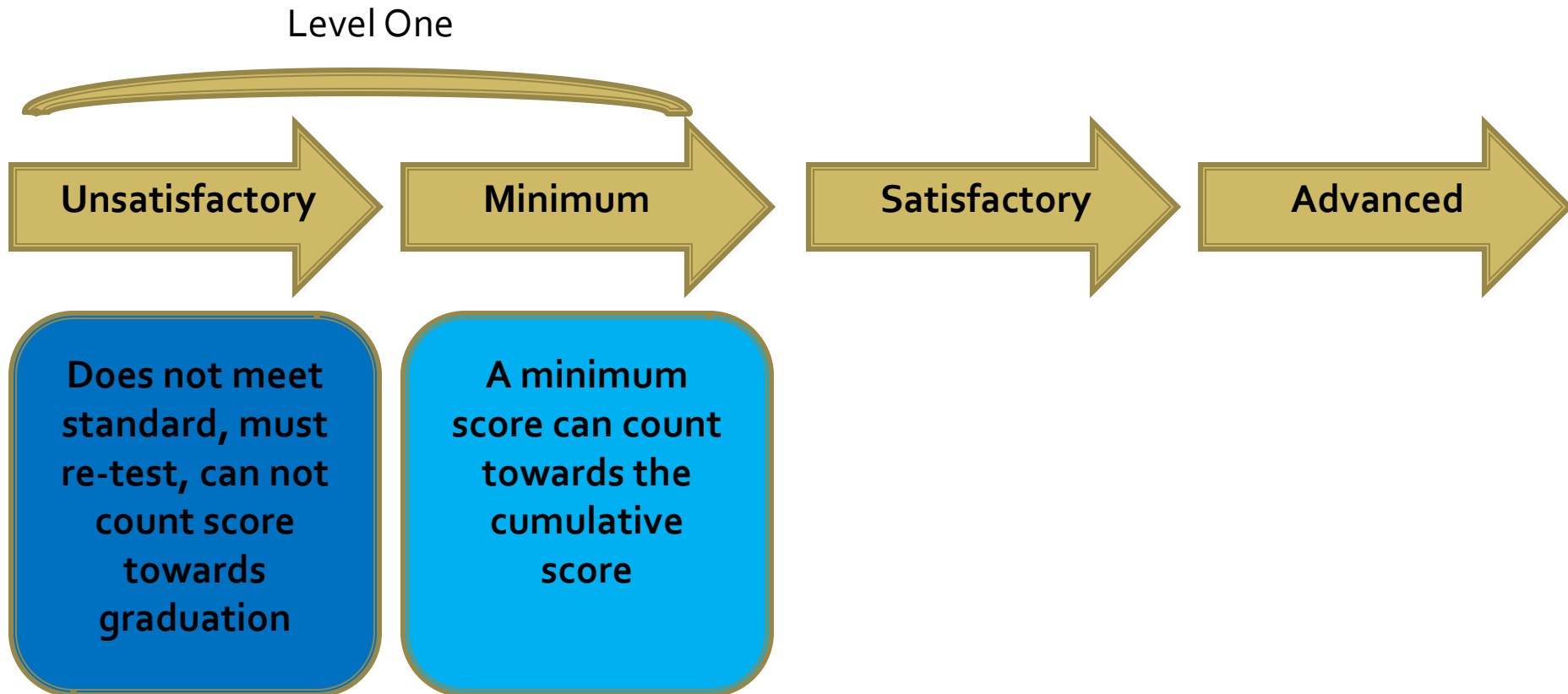
Minimum Score

- Students scoring in the unsatisfactory range can not count their score towards graduation.



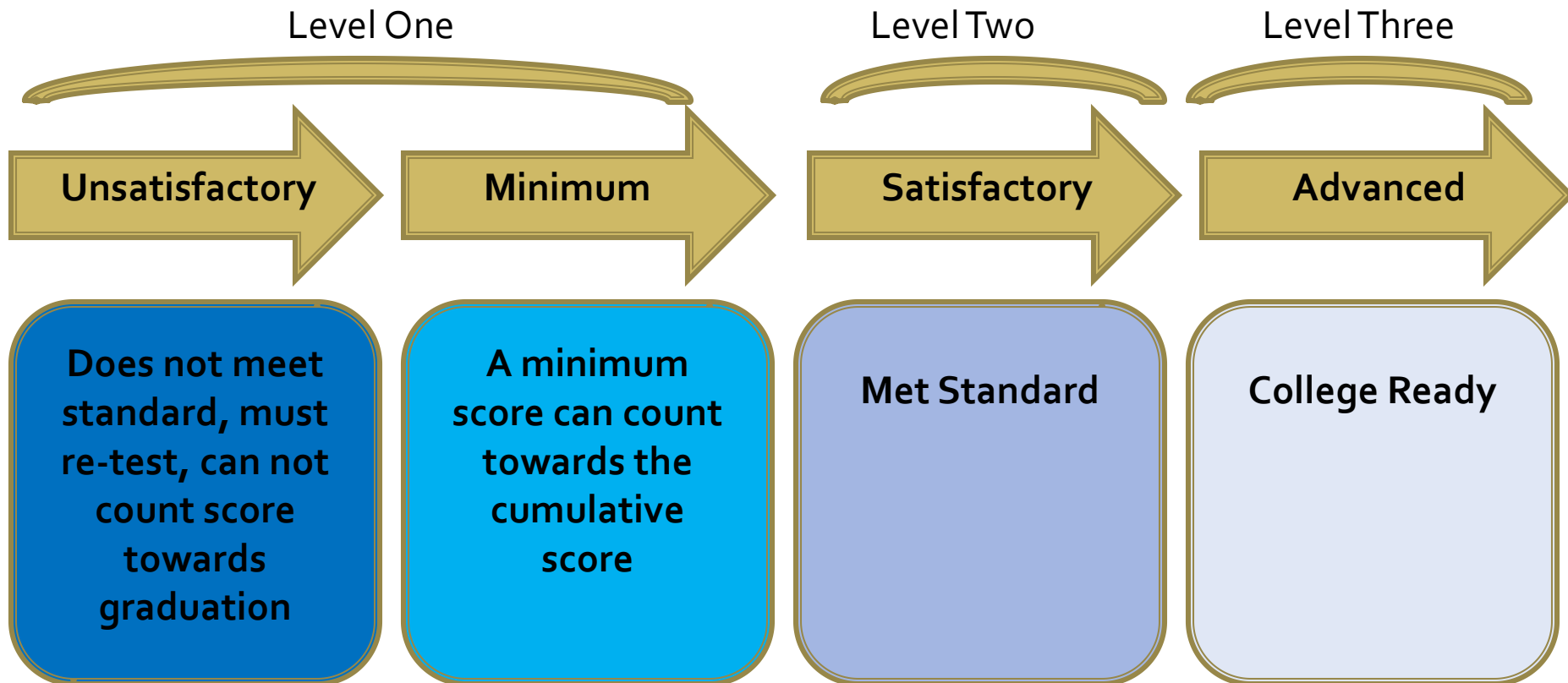
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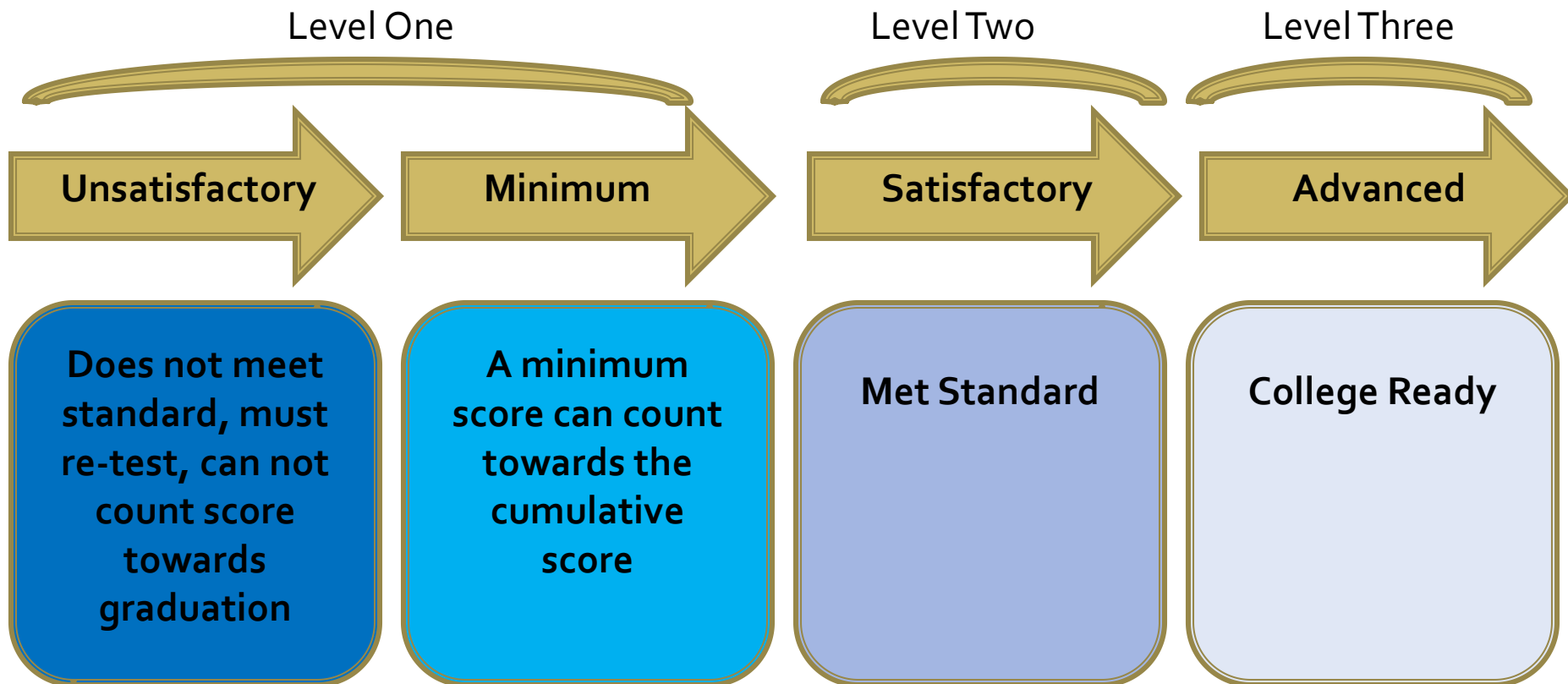
Minimum Score

- The top end of the range consists of Satisfactory, which is considered “met standard”, and Advanced, which is considered “college ready”.



Minimum Score

- The second requirement mandates that students must earn a cumulative score in each content area that is greater than or equal to the number of EOC assessments taken multiplied by the satisfactory standard.



Student Example 1

For the next two slides: minimum = 900, satisfactory = 1000,
Advanced = 1250

- Student 1 scores:
 - 1250 on Biology
 - 800 on Chemistry
 - 1100 on Physics

2350 = cumulative score
- Chemistry score of 800 does not meet the minimum score requirement of 900 and CANNOT be used towards the cumulative score.
- Then the student's cumulative score is 2350 which does not meet the cumulative score requirement of 3000
- This student must RETEST IN CHEMISTRY

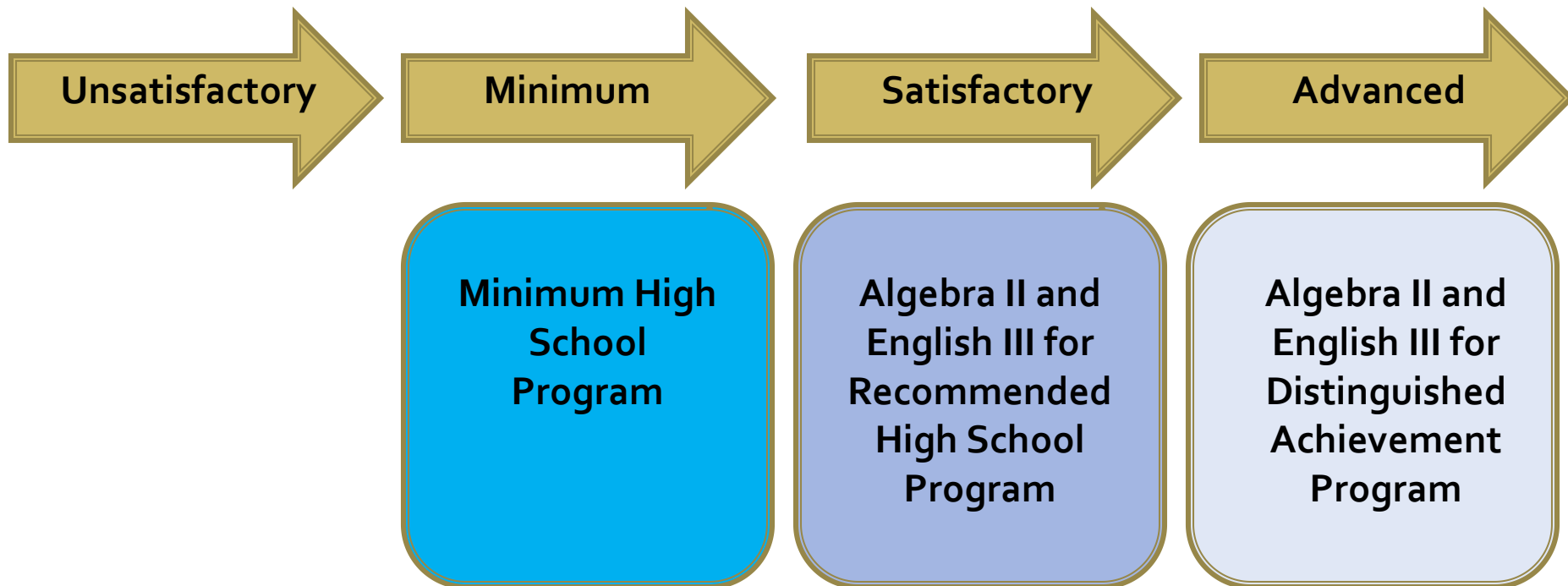
Student Example 2

- Student 2 scores:
 - 950 on Biology
 - 1000 on Chemistry
 - 900 on Physics

2850 = cumulative score
- The student met minimum on all 3 EOC assessments
- The student's cumulative score is 2850 which does not meet the cumulative score requirement of 3000
- This student must re-test – but which one to re-test?

Diploma Requirements

- Recommended High School Plan (RHSP) and Distinguished Achievement Plan (DAP) require higher than minimum on Algebra II and English III





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Policy, Grades and
Program Overview

Policy Implications

Two EOC assessment concepts have significant policy implications for districts in the areas of course credit and grading:

- First, districts are required to have local board policy stating that an EOC assessment score counts as 15 percent of the final course grade.
- Second, a student is permitted to retake an EOC assessment for any reason at any of the scheduled testing administrations, with the district determining whether to count the retake score as 15 percent of the final course grade.

Credit

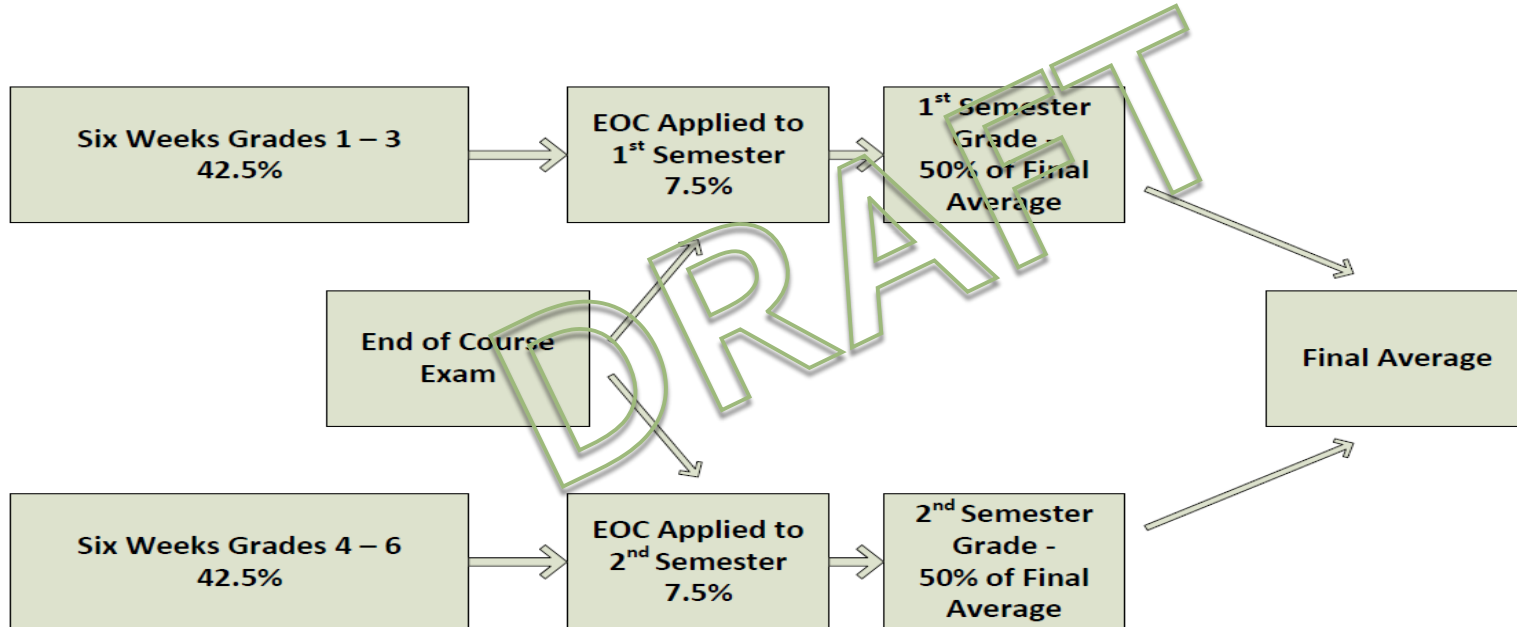
- **As required by law, a student's score on end-of-course (EOC) assessments shall count for 15 percent of the student's final grade for the course as reported on the student's transcript.**
- **Exceptions: There is no requirement to count STAAR Modified or STAAR Alternate EOC assessment scores as 15% of a student's final course grade.**

EOC Score and Final Semester Grade

- Final semester grade will be calculated using 85 percent (preliminary semester grade) / 15 percent (EOC score) per semester.
- First semester and second semester credit will be awarded after the EOC scores are reported to the district.

Grade Calculation

Using the End of Course (EOC) Assessment



This calculation applies the EOC assessment equally to both semester grades. The EOC will be weighted 15% of a student's year-end final grade.

Report Cards

- Report cards will only record the six weeks grades for each EOC tested course until the EOC scores are reported.
- The final semester grade for semester 1 and semester 2 will be calculated after the EOC score is reported to the district.
- The EOC score will be recorded on the report card.

GPA and Class Rank

A relationship should exist between the 15% requirement and the calculation of a student's grade-point average (GPA) and class rank.

In FISD, the EOC will count toward GPA and class rank for the first administration of each assessment only. Retests will not affect GPA and class rank.

GPA and Class Rank cont.....

Grade Point Average and Class Rank will be calculated using the Semester Averages for each COURSE. (Cannot be completed until the EOC results are received in late May or early June)

Transcripts

- **Transcripts will record the final semester grade for each core course.**
- **Transcripts will record the EOC score for each EOC that is taken.**

Retakes

- A student's retake score will be counted if the retake raises the student's final average to 70 or above allowing the student to receive course credit.
- The retake score will not count in the final course average once course credit is received.
- Retests will not affect GPA and class rank.

Communication Plan

Letter to Parents

Parents of current first year 9th grade students will receive a letter from the district that will outline the new grading policy. This letter will be sent home before spring break.

Standard PowerPoint Presentation

Principals

Assistant Principals

Counselors

Department Chairs

Teachers

Websites (District and Campuses)

Informational Documents

Questions