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Dear Parents:

Ohio is in the midst of great change regarding graduation testing requirements. For the past several years, students took the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT), but we are currently transitioning into spring End-of-Course exams. This past year we took two different tests, one created by Pearson (PARCC) and another created by American Institute of Research (AIR). This coming year we will use only the AIR for all of our testing in Ohio.

Formerly, students had to take and be proficient in five academic areas on the OGT. The change in testing requires students to now take seven tests and earn a minimum of 18 points to be eligible to graduate. This graduation option gives students flexibility in accumulating 18 points. A high score on one test can balance a low score on another test. The state is requiring 4 points to be earned in English, 4 points in math and 6 points in science and social studies collectively. The remaining 4 points needed for graduation can be earned from any other test combination. Each test is "worth" 5 potential points; therefore, 35 points are available overall.

The class of 2018 and beyond will be taking the following exams:

Algebra I and Geometry,

English I and English II,

American (US) History and American Government,

Biology (Both Physical Science and Biology will be taken by the class of 2018 only.)

The score of your child's test/s included with this letter have a value of 1-5. The chart below indicates that value. WHS will keep record of your child's performance toward attaining the 18 points needed for graduation.

Tests	Limited: 1 pt.	Basic: 2 pts.	Proficient: 3 pts.	Accelerated: 4 pts.	Advanced: 5 pts.
Phys. Sci. (2015)	634-683	684-699	700-724	725-748	749-815
Biology	617-684	685-699	700-724	725-734	735-823
American His.	619-683	684-699	700-724	725-737	738-800
Am. Government	642-686	687-699	700-724	725-738	739-774
Algebra I	650-699	700-724	725-749	750-804	805-850
Geometry	650-699	700-724	725-749	750-782	783-850
English I	650-699	700-724	725-749	750-790	791-850
English II	650-699	700-724	725-749	750-793	794-850

If a student is unable to earn the required 18 points, there are other graduation options noted below.

1. If a student is on an IEP, he or she may be exempted from the consequences of the point system.
2. A student may take an ACT to meet graduation requirements. The expectation for the ACT will be provided at a later time, but they will most likely be in-line with college readiness ACT expectations.
3. For those students attending Apollo, or like school, they may take a WorkKeys assessment, which will be in-line with their program at a vocational school.

As we travel together with you through these educational changes, we will do our best to inform you and answer questions. Our goal is to work together to provide your child with a quality education.

Sincerely,

WHS Guidance Department