

Graduation and IEP Exemption Class of 2018 and Beyond

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Hi all, in trying to get information regarding how to code EOC tests for students with exemptions here are the guidelines that I received! Hope this helps...

Thumbnail: Per ODE: We cross check the FA (Assessment) and FE (IEP Exemption) records to make sure the student either has 18 points (through the FA) OR has an exemption reported in the FE record (we award 3 points for each test exempted for the purpose of graduation credit).

At this time, it is my understanding that this crosswalk: Exemption = 3pts - is not calculating in Grad Pathways.

When the student takes each EOC test, you report the REAL score in the FA record to show us that the student really DID take the test. And we use that REAL score for all the appropriate accountability measures.

You also have to report an FE record (Student Special Education Graduation Requirement Record) for any student where an IEP determination is made to exempt the student from the consequences of any graduation assessment. You report this at the time the IEP team writes the exemption into the IEP and you continue to report this record every year after that as a way to confirm that the decision to exempt is still in effect (so, for example, if the team wrote the exemption for algebra I in the IEP for 9th grade, it would be reported that year and then it would continue to be reported in grades 10, 11 and 12 assuming the exemption stayed in place for each subsequent year).

You have to report an FE record for each TEST where the student is exempted – so maybe Algebra I came in the 9th grade, but geometry didn't get added till 10th. Or – maybe they exempted the student from all 7 tests at the same time.

This is what the EMIS manual says about the FE record below in red.

We use THIS RECORD as a way to 'check' that the student meets the graduation requirements so you get credit for the student in the graduation rate.

The key thing to understand is that when a student takes a test you report the REAL SCORE in the score field for the FA record --- you don't report the 'IEP' decision to award 3 points because of the exemption. That IEP exemption is reported through the FE record – and we cross check the FA and FE records to make sure the student either has 18 points (through the FA) OR has an exemption reported in the FE record (we award 3 points for each test exempted for the purpose of graduation credit).

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