
**SBE Charter School Local Education Agency (LEA) Policy Revision
Promotion and Retention, Grading, and Assessment Policy 4603**

The Background:

Pursuant to T. C. A. §§ 49-13-108(4)(E) and 49-13-142(b)(3), the State Board serves as the chartering authority for charter schools that it authorizes on appeal if the local school district and the charter school operator do not mutually agree that the local district will be the authorizer. In Tennessee, the chartering authority serves as the local education agency (LEA) for any authorized charter schools.

In order to comply with the oversight and monitoring duties required in statute, the State Board must adopt policies to govern its functions as the LEA for authorized charter schools. *These policies will only impact the charter schools authorized by the State Board and will not be applicable to any other school or local district.*

This item presents a revision to LEA Policy 4603 Promotion and Retention, Grading, and Assessment necessitated by changes to state laws regarding the percentage that TNReady and EOC state tests will count toward a student's final grade. This item is on first and final reading so that changes can be effective prior to the end of the 2017-18 school year. Proposed changes are as follows:

- **Changes for the 2017-18 School Year:** As authorized by Public Chapter 881 of the 110th General Assembly, to account for challenges encountered by our authorized charter school in administration of the Algebra I EOC, this item proposes reducing the amount that the Algebra I EOC will count toward a student's final grade in Algebra I for the 2017-18 school year from fifteen percent (15%) down to seven and a half percent (7.5%). No challenges were encountered during the administration of the English I EOC so this item proposes no changes to the percentage for that exam this year.
- **Changes for the 2018-19 School Year and Thereafter:** To comply with Public Chapter 817 of the 110th General Assembly, this item adjusts the percentage that the TNReady and EOC exams will count toward a student's final grade in grades three through eight (3-8) for the 2018-19 school year and thereafter. The law reduces the required percentage that state tests will count toward a student's final grade, giving LEAs discretion to set a percentage between zero to twenty-five percent (0-25%) for grades three through five (3-5) and within ten to twenty-five percent (10-25%) for grades six through eight (6-8). This item proposes setting the percentage for grades three through eight (3-8) between ten and twenty-five percent (10-25%) of a student's final grade. Authorized charter schools must notify State Board staff of the percentage within that range that is chosen by the school.

The Recommendation:

State Board staff recommends adoption of this item on final reading.