MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Janet Barresi

DATE: August 20, 2013

SUBJECT: Achieving Classroom Excellence Test Exemption Scores

State Board approval is requested for approving the exempt cut score on alternate test for the Oklahoma ACE End-of-Instruction Exams in order to meet ACE graduation requirements.

Oklahoma Statutes (70 O.S. § 1210.523) allow for students to use alternate tests approved by the State Board of Education to meet the ACE Testing Requirements set forth in the same section of law. Those testing requirements state:

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> *2.   English II; and*
> *3.   Two of the following five:*
> *a.   Algebra II,*
> *b.   Biology I,*
> *c.   English III,*
> *d.   Geometry, and*
> *e.   United States History.*
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This means that the alternate tests may not be given in lieu of End-of-Instruction (EOI) exams but may be used by students who did not score at least at the proficient level on Algebra I, English II and Biology I in order to meet the ACE Testing Requirements for graduation

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Attachment

Achieving Classroom Excellence Act (ACE)

Alternate Tests and Minimum Cut Scores for Meeting Achieving Classroom Excellence (ACE) Graduation Testing Requirements for Each of the Oklahoma End-of-Instruction Exams:

ACE Algebra I
ACE Algebra II
ACE Geometry
ACE Biology I
ACE English II
ACE English III
ACE United States History

Purpose of the Alternate Tests

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Use of the Alternate Tests

Oklahoma Statutes (70 O.S. § 1210.523 and 70 O.S. § 1210.525) and Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC 210:10-13-16) provide procedures whereby alternate tests may be used by Oklahoma students to meet the ACE graduation testing requirements set forth in 70 O.S. § 1210.523. Documentation requirements are also set forth in OAC 210:10-13-16. A flowchart, the requirements, and frequently asked questions may be found in the ACE Implementation Guide on the State Department of Education Web site, <http://www.sde.state.ok.us>.

The following list of tests and minimum cut scores was approved by the State Board of Education on November 17, 2009, updated on March 25, 2010 and December 20, 2012.

Mathematics Alternate Tests

EOI Exam	Alternate	Proficient	Advanced
ACE Algebra I	ACE Algebra II EOI or Project	Proficient	Advanced
	ACT PLAN®: Mathematics Subtest	15	21
	ACT®: Mathematics Subtest	18	23
	AP® Calculus	2	3
	CLEP® College Algebra	30	40
	IB® Math Methods (Standard Level)	2	3
	IB® Math Studies (Standard Level)	2	3
	IB® Mathematics (Higher Level)	2	3
	PSAT/NMSQT®: Mathematics Subtest	42	52
	SAT®: Mathematics Subtest	435	535
	WorkKeys®: Applied Mathematics	5	6
ACE Algebra II	ACT®: Mathematics Subtest	20	25
	AP® Calculus	2	3
	CLEP® College Algebra	40	50
	COMPASS® Algebra	46	NA
	IB® Math Method (Standard Level)	2	3
	IB® Math Studies (Standard Level)	2	3
	IB® Mathematics (Higher Level)	2	3
	PSAT/NMSQT®: Mathematics Subtest	46	55
	SAT®: Mathematics Subtest	475	575
	WorkKeys®: Applied Mathematics	5	6
ACE Geometry	ACT®: Mathematics Subtest	18	23
	AP® Calculus	2	3
	IB® Math Methods (Standard Level)	2	3
	IB® Math Studies (Standard Level)	2	3
	IB® Mathematics (Higher Level)	2	3
	PSAT/NMSQT®: Mathematics Subtest	42	52
	SAT®: Mathematics Subtest	435	535
	WorkKeys®: Applied Mathematics	5	6

Science Alternate Tests

EOI Exam	Alternate	Proficient	Advanced
ACE Biology I	ACT PLAN®: Science Subtest	16	23
	ACT®: Science Subtest	19	25
	AP® Biology	2	3
	CLEP® General Biology	30	40
	IB® Biology (Higher Level)	2	3
	IB® Biology (Standard Level)	2	3

History and Social Sciences Alternate Tests

EOI Exam	Alternate	Proficient	Advanced
ACE U.S. History	AP® US History	2	3
	CLEP® History of United States I and History of the United States II (total score for both tests)	Combined 60	Combined 80
	IB® US History (Higher Level)	2	3

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English/Language Arts Alternate Tests

EOI Exam	Alternate	Proficient	Advanced
ACE English II	ACE English III EOI or Project	Proficient	Advanced
	ACT®: Reading Subtest ACT®: English Subtest **and** ACT®: Writing	Combined 30 (with neither below 14) **and** 8	Combined 46 (with neither below 22) **and** 10
	AP® English Language and Composition	2	3
	AP® English Literature and Composition	2	3
	IB® English (Higher Level)	2	3
	IB® English (Standard Level)	2	3
	PSAT/NMSQT®: Critical Reading Subtest	34	51
	SAT®: Critical Reading Subtest	370	535
	WorkKeys®: Reading for Information **and** WorkKeys®: Business Writing	4 **and** 4	5 **and** 5
ACE English III	ACT®: Reading Subtest ACT®: English Subtest **and** ACT®: Writing	Combined 32 (with neither below 15) **and** 8	Combined 48 (with neither below 23) **and** 10
	AP® English Language and Composition	2	3
	AP® English Literature and Composition	2	3
	IB® English (Higher Level)	2	3
	IB® English (Standard Level)	2	3
	PSAT/NMSQT®: Critical Reading Subtest	37	53
	SAT®: Critical Reading Subtest	395	555
	WorkKeys®: Reading for Information **and** WorkKeys®: Business Writing	4 **and** 4	5 **and** 5

Definitions	Notes
AP® – Advanced Placement®	ACT®, COMPASS®, PLAN®, and WorkKeys® are registered trademarks of ACT, Inc.
CLEP® – College-Level Examination Program®	AP®, Advanced Placement®, CLEP®, College-Level Examination Program®, and SAT® are registered trademarks or owned trademarks of College Board.
IB® – International Baccalaureate®	IB® and International Baccalaureate® are registered trademarks of the International Baccalaureate Organization.

The ACT PLAN® must be administered during the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education testing window to be able to apply as an alternate EOI. The State Regents testing window begins with the opening of school in August (or as quickly as ACT can deliver the tests) through the end of October.

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	IB® Math Studies (Standard Level)	2
	IB® Mathematics (Higher Level)	2
	PSAT/NMSQT®: Mathematics Subtest	51
	SAT®: Mathematics Subtest	523
	WorkKeys®: Applied Mathematics	5
ACE Geometry	ACT®: Mathematics Subtest	20
	AP® Calculus	2
	IB® Math Methods (Standard Level)	2
	IB® Math Studies (Standard Level)	2
	IB® Mathematics (Higher Level)	2
	PSAT/NMSQT®: Mathematics Subtest	46
	SAT®: Mathematics Subtest	479
	WorkKeys®: Applied Mathematics	5

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	IB® US History (Higher Level)	2

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	IB® English (Higher Level)	2
	IB® English (Standard Level)	2
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	SAT®: Critical Reading Subtest	435
	WorkKeys®: Reading for Information **and** WorkKeys®: Business Writing	4 **and** 4