

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/MINIMUM COMPETENCIES

Mission

All Guernsey-Sunrise students must take and pass a minimum competency test to show they have mastered basic skills in the following areas: MATH, READING, LANGUAGE ARTS, FREE ENTERPRISE, DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE. All questions on the test reflect the basic skills that are being taught in our school.

Testing Procedures

Minimum competency testing will begin in grade 6 for the following program areas: reading math and language arts. Testing in the areas of free enterprise and democratic governance will not begin until the freshman year.

The Test will not be timed; students will be encouraged to work at their own speed. Students retaking specific subject area tests will be given alternate forms of the test (each alternate form will test for the same concepts).

Testing Frequencies

Minimum competency tests will be given in early April on a yearly basis.

All students passing the reading and math test during their 6th, 7th, 8th, or 9th grade years will be required to retake the test again as 10th graders to demonstrate their continuing minimum competencies in these two areas. This second test shall not be a graduation requirement but will be used to affirm competency.

Once a student passes a minimum competency test in language arts, free enterprise and democratic governance, he/she will not be required to retake these tests.

Proficiency Levels

In order for students to successfully pass the minimum competency tests, they must pass each test with the following percentages: 80% for reading and 70% for math, language arts, free enterprise and democratic governance.

Remedial Placement

All students who fail the tests will be identified and placed in an appropriate remedial program. They will have every reasonable opportunity to acquire the necessary skills.

Individual remediation programs will vary in content and duration, but may include: (1) counseling a student to take or retake a specific class, or (2) provide independent tutoring for specific skills.

Test Results

Test results will be posted on each student's transcript by identifying each test and recording the date each test was passed. Actual test scores (percentages) will NOT be recorded on the transcript.

Individual minimum competency reports will be attached to each student's report card at the end of each school year.

Resource Modifications

Resource students are entitled to modifications in their testing program format and setting to ensure that they can demonstrate their knowledge with minimum effect of their learning disability.

Retesting

Students who do not pass the test in April of their junior year will be given two additional opportunities to take the tests, one in the fall of their senior year, and one in April of their senior year.

Students who do not pass the test in April of their senior year will be given two additional opportunities to take the test, one in the fall following their senior year, and one the following April.

Transfer Students

Transfer students must pass our minimum competency tests, regardless of any other tests they may have passed in other school districts.

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