**EOC and PSAT Information for Inservice**

**EOC**

* Students earn a scale score on each test.
* Points for each test in a content area are added to get a cumulative score for that content area.
  + English reading and writing count as two separate tests with a 1875 scale score needed for each test.
    - The cumulative score needed for graduation in English is

6 x 1875 = 11,250.

* The scale score needed for math, science and social studies is 3500 per test.
  + - The cumulative score needed for graduation in each content area is

3 x 3500 = 10, 500.

* The 1875 and 3500 scale scores represent Level II: Satisfactory Academic Performance.
* There is a minimum score below these scores that the student must meet in order to get credit for the content area.
  + If the student makes the minimum score on every test in the content area, he/she will not have enough points to graduate.
  + For example, a student who scores 25 points below Level II must make an extra 25 points on a subsequent test in order to get enough points to graduate.
* EOC graduation requirements vary for each of the three graduation plans (Minimum, Recommended, and DAP). See the attached table.
* The Minimum, Level II and Level III scale scores will increase with the final levels set in 2016.
* Students can retest any test 3 times during each school year. If they don’t meet the minimum score, they **must** retest.
  + Students whose scale score is between the Minimum and Level II scores are highly encouraged to retest.
* The EOC score will count 15% of the student’s final grade in each core class.

**PSAT**

* **Date: Wednesday, October 17**
* **Participants** 
  + All 10th grade students except those who take STAAR M or STAAR ALT.
  + Juniors who register and pay for the test.
* **Purpose**
  + Provides information about student academic strengths and weaknesses
  + Provides a free tutorial based on their weaknesses
  + Provides personalized information about colleges and college majors
  + Determines sophomore eligibility for the PSAT Team
  + Provides entrance to the National Merit Scholarship Program for juniors.
* **Format**
  + The test is timed.
  + The subject areas tested are critical reading, writing and math
    - The writing test is multiple choice only.
    - The math test has both multiple choice and free response questions.
      * The content tested ranges from 8th grade math through geometry. Completion of Algebra II improves the math score.
* **Your Contribution**
  + Encourage your students to take the test seriously and to do their best.
  + Encourage your students to take the practice test.
  + Tell students to bring a calculator on test day.
  + Encourage your students to keep their score sheets for use when applying to colleges and/or advanced academic programs.
  + Encourage your students to access My College QuickStart at [www.collegeboard.org/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart) after they receive their score sheets.