

HS Testing Out FAQs

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- 1. What courses are eligible for 'testing out'?**
The courses eligible for 'testing out' are listed on the Ann Arbor Public Schools website.
- 2. What students are eligible to test out of courses?**
Any student who will be enrolled and attending an AAPS middle or high school in the fall is eligible to register to test out of courses offered by AAPS high schools.
- 3. Are there requirements a student must satisfy before (s)he can be eligible to test out of a course?**
Yes, for some courses. For some courses, in order to be able to take the testing out exam, a student must have earned credit in a course lower in the course sequence for that subject area. The list of courses are displayed on the AAPS website.
- 4. When are the testing dates?**
A student can choose to take their testing out exam(s) on June 30 or July 16. Only one of the dates can be chosen.
- 5. What will students be tested on?**
Students will be tested on their knowledge of the state high school content expectations for the course and course expectations specified by AAPS.
- 6. How does a student register for Testing Out?**
Click on the registration link found on the high school testing out website and complete all the questions. Once the online registration form has been submitted, a confirmation will be emailed to the email address you entered on the registration form. You must turn the confirmation letter into your school counselor to finalize your registration.
- 7. How can a student add or drop a course from their testing out registration?**
Once a student has registered for Testing Out, they can continue to access their registration form via the link on the website. Changes can be made to the registration until 4 pm on the last day of the registration window. Please notify your counselor of any changes you make to the form.

After the registration deadline has passed, to change or cancel your registration, send an email to the high school testing-out coordinator at aaps_hs_testingout@aaps.k12.mi.us. In the email, state the student's first and last name and student ID number along with a statement stating the course(s) that the student would like to add or drop.
- 8. How does a student get any required books they need to study for the test?**
Once a student has gone through the registration process, and gotten the signature from their counselor on their registration form, they can take their form to their high school's book depository to check out their needed book(s). Students will need to return any books checked out from the depository after their test date. Students currently home-schooled or attending a non-AAPS school who are testing out should take a copy of their signed registration form to the book depository of the high school that they would attend [per the district attendance areas](#) to check out copies of any textbooks required to study for the test.
- 9. How long are the tests?**
The allotted time for a yearlong test will be a maximum of 3.5 hours, except for English.

10. **What will a student have to complete in order to test out of a course?**
A written exam will be given for all courses. Students may also be required to demonstrate knowledge beyond taking a written test. For example, students may be required to demonstrate proficiency by creating a portfolio, designing a multimedia presentation, or by completing other forms of assessment.
11. **Where is the testing center?**
The testing center will be located at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District building, located at 1819 S. Wagner Road, Ann Arbor, 48106.
12. **How do I know what time to be at the testing site, what I can bring, and other details about test day?**
Students will be contacted in June with the details.
13. **Does it cost anything to test out of a course?**
No, testing out is free.
14. **How many courses can a student test out of?**
Students may choose to test out of up to 3 courses per Testing Out session. While we have two test dates for students to choose from this year, it is considered a single Testing Out session.
15. **Can a student test out of more than one course in a given content area, i.e. social studies, in one sitting?**
Yes. A student is allowed to test out of a course in which he or she has satisfied the course requirements listed on the AAPS website.
16. **Can a student take the Algebra I and Geometry testing out exams in the same sitting?**
No. In order to be able to take the Geometry or Geometry AC testing out exams, a student must have earned credit for Algebra I prior to the Geometry or Geometry AC exam testing date.
17. **Can a student take English 9 and English 10 testing out exams in the same sitting?**
No. In order to be able to take the English 10 testing out exam, a student must have earned credit for English 9 prior to the English 10 exam testing date.
18. **For world language, if a student passes a testing out exam for a level 2 course (i.e. Spanish II), will (s)he earn credit for both the level 1 and 2 courses?**
No. If a student passes a testing out exam for a level 2 course, (s)he will earn credit for the level 2 course only. If (s)he wants to earn credit for both a level 1 and level 2 course, (s)he will have to take the testing out exams for both courses.
19. **What is the minimum passing score?**
The minimum passing score to test out of a course is 77% (C+). A student who earns 77% (C+) or higher on the criteria established to test out of a course will receive credit for the course. For yearlong courses, a student must earn 77% or higher on **both** semester exams for that course in order to receive credit for the course.
20. **If a student passes the test, do they need to do any follow up work for the next school year?**
Students who test out of English should assume the responsibility for understanding the content of the course (see page 3 of English testing out). No follow up work is required for other courses.
21. **Will the test out score be calculated in the high school GPA?**
No.

22. **What happens if a student fails their exam?**
If a student does not pass the test out exam, there is no negative impact on the student's school record; no grade mark is recorded on the transcript. The student should enroll in the course during the school year.
23. **If I miss the testing out session, can I try to test out of a course at the start of the school year?**
There will be two test dates for this year's testing out session - one in June and one in July. If a student misses his or her assigned test date, he or she will not be able to test out of a course for the upcoming school year.
24. **How many opportunities are there for a student to test out of a course?**
A student will have only one chance to try to test out of a particular course. If a student is unsuccessful in testing out of a course required for graduation, the student will be expected to enroll in the course during the school year.
25. **What will be reported on the student's transcript?**
The name of the course tested out of and the credit earned for the course will be reported on the student's transcript. The student's exam score will not be shown on the transcript. The credit earned will count toward the student's graduation requirements. No record will be seen on the transcript if the student does not pass.
26. **Who should I contact with questions?**
Please contact your middle or high school guidance counselor.