

Student Performance Level Descriptors for the End of Course Examination Program (EOCEP)

All students are required to take the EOCEP Algebra 1, English 2, and Biology 1 tests to meet federal accountability requirements. Performance level descriptors are developed, revised, and expanded prior to and during the standard setting process for each EOCEP subject. During the summer of 2016, educator committees conducted standard setting (setting cut scores) for the Algebra 1 test. The standard setting for the Biology1 EOCEP test was conducted during the summer of 2017 and the standard setting for English 2 EOCEP test was conducted during the summer of 2019. For these three subjects, educators have developed four performance levels to describe student mastery and command of the knowledge and skills outlined in South Carolina's College and Career Ready standards (SCCCRS) and the South Carolina Academic Standards and Performance Indicators for Science 2014 (including 2005 Biology Standard B-5). For the state-required United States History and the Constitution (USHC) EOCEP test, four performance levels were developed for the 2019 South Carolina Social Studies College and Career Ready Standards during the spring of 2022. The standard setting for USHC is scheduled for the summer of 2022.

Beginning with the Fall/Winter 2016-17 administration, the EOCEP scale scores will correspond to the Revised South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale (2016). The general meaning of each of the performance levels is provided below:

Performance Levels for Algebra 1, English 2, Biology 1, and United States History and the Constitution:

- The student **does not meet** the expectations of the course content standards--scores below 60 ("F").
- The student **minimally meets** the expectations of the course content standards--scores from 60 to 69 ("D").
- The student **meets** the expectations of the course content standards--scores from 70 to 89 ("B" and "C").
- The student **exceeds** the expectations of the course content standards- scores from 90 to 100 ("A").