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## Questions and Answers 4 AAC 06.755 Revised Cutscores for HSGQE

1. What cutscores are used for continuing high school students who took the HSGQE in spring 2006?
  - a. Students who were in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or higher in 2005/2006 will need to meet the revised cutscores for any subtest they did not pass before July 1, 2006 until the spring of their 12<sup>th</sup> grade year.  
  
\*NOTE: Any score on any subtest a student has already passed stands.
  
2. What cutscores are used for students who were in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or higher in 2005/2006 when they take the spring administration of the HSGQE in their 12<sup>th</sup> grade year?
  - a. The results of that spring administration must meet or exceed the transitional cutscores.
  
3. What cutscores are used for students with Certificates of Achievement who come back to test?
  - a. They will need to meet the revised cutscores for any subtest they take.\*

\*NOTE: Any score on any subtest a student has already passed stands. These students will only be taking subtests that they have not already passed.

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4. After July 1 2006...

If a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student receives a 280 in writing on the FALL RETAKE;  
(and does not pass that subtest because the cutscore is 304)

then receives a 270 in writing on the SPRING RETAKE;  
(and does not pass because the cutscore is 275)

can the result from the FALL RETAKE (280) be used as a passing score since a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student who takes the spring administration only needs a passing score of 275 to pass the writing subtest?

- a. NO. The 12<sup>th</sup> grade student MUST receive the transitional cutscore in the spring administration. Scores on subtests taken in the past may NOT be used to determine a passing score for a student who takes the HSGQE in the spring of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

5. What cutscores are used for a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student who intends to graduate prior to the spring semester and spring administration of the HSGQE?

- a. The student must meet the revised cutscores. Transitional cutscores are **ONLY** applicable to a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student who takes the spring administration of the HSGQE.

6. What cutscores are used for students who were 12<sup>th</sup> graders last spring and are still enrolled this fall?

- a. During the fall administration, these students must meet the revised cutscores. During the following spring administration, these students must meet the transitional cutscores.

7. Will the passing score for students meeting the transitional cutscores in the spring administration be reflected in the individual student report issued by the test vendor?

- a. No. The Department of Education and Early Development will issue a memo reflecting the passing scores of students who meet the transitional cutscores.