

EOPA DATA COLLECTIONS
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. If a student completed a pathway at another school last year but the school did not mark the student as a completer or administer the EOPA, can the school mark the student as a completer and test the student this year?

A. No - the results must be reported in the year the student completed the pathway and took the assessment.

Q. Will charter systems that are only grades KK-6 be required to fill out data for EOPA?

A. Yes - the collection requires Superintendent sign off.

Q. When is the EOPA Eligibility report available?

A. The EOPA Eligibility report is available mid-April.

Q. What happens when a student drops a course, will they appear on the EOPA Eligibility Report?

A. The EOPA Eligibility Report includes all students who have 2 completed units of credit in a CTAE Pathway in their course history AND have been scheduled this year for the third course in that CTAE Pathway. A student on this report who shows as "In Progress" may have dropped the course before completing the course. It is the responsibility of the school district to utilize their SIS information to determine whether a student is expected to complete the pathway and needs to be tested.

Q. What happens when a Student withdraws from school? Will they appear on the EOPA Eligibility Report?

A. If the student, withdraws from school before completing the course, the student will show on the EOPA Eligibility report if he has completed 2 units of credit and scheduled for the third course. It is the responsibility of the school district to utilize their SIS information to determine whether a student is expected to complete the pathway and needs to be tested.

Q. Do Principals have access to the EOPA Eligibility report on Student Record? And if they don't, can they get it?

A. Currently, Principals do not have access to the EOPA Data Collections Application. Districts can decide whether they will give principals access.

Q. What happens when a student completed a pathway in the first semester, will they be on the EOPA Eligibility report?

A. The student will appear on the EOPA Eligibility report, regardless of which semester the pathway was completed (current Fiscal Year).

Q. How can a District access previous years EOPA District Summary and Sign Off Report?

A. Users cannot access prior fiscal year EOPA Data on the portal. The district can submit a DATA REQUEST to receive their prior fiscal year(s) EOPA District Summary and Sign Off Report. To submit a data request, go to <http://www.gadoe.org/Technology-Services/Data-Collections/Pages/Requesting-Data.aspx>.

Q. What happens when a student takes the course and the course credit is not reported?

A. If the course credit is not reported, the course will not count for pathway completion, and the student's status will remain, 'In Progress'. The student will not be included in the list for 'Pathway Completers Online Entry' and will need to be added or included in the extract file that is uploaded.

Q. Why do we have courses appearing on the EOPA Eligibility Report that were dropped?

A. In Student Class, the end date for when the student is no longer taking the course is reported. EOPA does not recognize whether the course was completed mid-year or was dropped. As such, there is no way to exclude the course being included in determining the student's status (In Progress) until the third Student Class collection.

Q. What are the criteria for a student showing on the EOPA Eligibility Report?

A. IN PROGRESS: Student has successfully completed TWO (2) CTAE courses for a pathway and earned a unit of credit for each course (Total of 2 units). The third course is being reported in current Student Class Collection.

ELIGIBLE: Student has successfully completed THREE (3) CTAE courses in a pathway and earned a unit of credit for each course (Total of 3 units).

Q. Where is the EOPA SIGNOFF?

A. When the Superintendent signs into EOPA, the signoff is located on the Pathway Completers District Summary and Signoff Report.

Q. Why Is my student not on the EOPA Eligibility report?

A. Possibly because the student was not reported in the current year student class collection, or the student was not reported in a CTAE Pathway course, or the course was not reported within the last 5 student class collections, or the student did not earn at least 3 CTAE course credits for a pathway.

Q. How many credits are required?

A. Three units of credit, in the three courses for the pathway, are required for the student to be a pathway completer.

Q. I have a student who is in 8th grade and is taking high school courses, will the courses/credit count towards the student completing a pathway?

A. Yes

Q. Why do I have some students showing as Pathway Completers for Pathways we do not offer?

A. Some pathways have the same three courses, Ex: Intro and Intermediate Courses. The district/school may not 'offer' this pathway, but the student is still considered a pathway completer for those pathways.

Q. My EOPA Main Menu doesn't have all of the options . I only have Pathway Completers Skills Assessment Test Takers, Pathway Completers District Summary, and Signoff Report, and Student Pathway Course History. What do I need to do to get the other options?

A. The district must sign off on Student Class before the entire menu will populate on the EOPA Main Menu.

Q. What is Student Class?

A. Student Class is a collection of student classes and final grades that is used by different program areas and agencies. Student Class is located inside the portal. Documentation for Student Class can be found on the public web page under Data Reporting. <http://www.gadoe.org/Pages/Home.aspx>.

Q. What happens if the EOPA Eligibility report is incorrect?

A. The district can view the courses reported for the student by viewing the 'Student Pathway Course History Report' located on the EOPA Main Menu. If a completed pathway course is missing, the district can report the course. Students appearing on the report who have dropped a course cannot be removed or fixed.

Q. Who would be entered manually (Add Student Online) as a pathway completer?

A. When the student is not included in the 'Pathway Completers Online Entry' OR the student is not included in the extract file the district uploads to EOPA.

Q. Why are students that are no longer enrolled showing on the EOPA Eligibility Report?

A. A student will appear on the EOPA Eligibility report regardless of enrollment status, when a course for a pathway has been reported for student by the district. This allows the former district to report whether the student took the assessment while the student was enrolled in the district.

Q. I have a student that completed the first course of a pathway last year. This year he is taking the other 2 courses in the pathway. Why isn't he on the EOPA Eligibility Report?

A. Only students that have completed 2 courses and are currently enrolled in the third course of a pathway appear on the EOPA Eligibility Report.

Q. If the student is not on the EOPA Eligibility Report, does that mean that he shouldn't take the assessment test?

A. No. If a student completes a pathway in the current school year, have him take the assessment. You will need to add the student online using the ADD STUDENT ONLINE feature.