

## Instruction

### Mastery Examinations

Each student enrolled in grades three through eight and in grade eleven shall, annually, take a mastery examination (measuring essential and grade-appropriate skills) in reading, writing, and mathematics.

Each student enrolled in grades five, eight and ten shall, annually, in March or April, take a state-wide mastery examination (measuring essential and grade-appropriate skills) in science.

The mastery examinations for students in grades three through eight shall be provided by and administered under the supervision of the State Board of Education. The mastery examinations for students in grade eleven shall be paid for by the State Board of Education and administered by a provider of a nationally recognized college readiness assessment which is approved by the State Board of Education. Mastery examinations shall be taken during the regular school day.

Students in grade eleven who meet or exceed the state-wide mastery goal level on any component of the mastery examination, shall have a certification of having met or exceeded such goal level made on their permanent record and transcript, and shall be issued a certificate of mastery.

CREC may not require achievement of a satisfactory score on a mastery examination, or on any subsequent retest on a component of such examination as the sole criterion of promotion or graduation.

Special education students shall participate in mastery testing except in the rare case when their Planning and Placement Team determines that an alternate assessment as specified by the State Board of Education is appropriate.

(cf. 5121 - Examination/Grading/Rating)

(cf. 6146 - Graduation Requirements)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-14n Statewide mastery examination. Conditions for reexamination. Limitation on use of test results, as amended by P.A. 13-207, Section 115 of P.A. 14-217 and P.A. 15-238.

10-14q. Exceptions

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