



Career, Technical and Agricultural Education END-OF-PATHWAY ASSESSMENTS (EOPAS) Frequently Asked Questions

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This document provides a quick glance at your **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR EOPAS...**



Georgia, like many other career and technical education programs around the nation, has worked in recent years to establish a measurement mechanism to ascertain the level of technical skill attainment on behalf of its career pathway completers.

Clayton County Public Schools is committed to ensuring our students are college and career ready! A Pathway Completer's exiting assessment (or credentialing) opportunity not only supports the mandates set forth in the criteria of their career pathway but would also support Georgia students in their quest to leave high school with valuable credentials. The state's technical skill attainment inventory is comprised of several measurement components:

- National Industry certifications,
- national occupational assessments, and
- state licensures and state developed assessments



What is a Pathway Completer?

Pathway completers are students who have completed the three required courses in our state's career pathways.

Who takes an EOPA?

An **EOPA test-taker** is a student who has completed three sequential/required courses in a career pathway and sat for an industry recognized exam to gain industry credentials or test results that prove competency in varied skills/trades; through test vendors such as: *NOCTI, SkillsUSA, Precision, Certiport, and ASE.*

Who pays for EOPAs?

Funding:

Schools must complete a funding request to the CTAE Office by mid-December and again in February. Schools will schedule meetings to share assessment information with projected CTAE pathway completers by the end of the first semester.

When are EOPAs given?

Testing Schedule (*most online, some paper & pencil*):

- The district has set the testing window for the Week of April 18-24, 2017 for all high schools
- # of exam questions vary and range from 20-200 questions
- Duration of assessments vary and lasts 1-3 hours
- Students must meet or exceed cut scores for each exam
- Scores are reported by the testing agency, results vary – some scores are received immediately or within two weeks of test date

How can students study for EOPAS?

Blueprints (*all are online*) at:

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/CTAE-Georgia-Assessments.aspx>

- CTAE will use the exam blueprints:
 - to develop professional learning opportunities for instructors
 - to have instructors conduct a cross walk of competencies on exams and standards in GPS
 - to help identify additional resources needed to aid with instructional activities:
 - study guides/tutorials review sessions
 - daily EOPA: lesson openers, and/or closure questions should be implemented in each CTAE class