

#### DUAL ENROLLMENT

- ***Can students who are dually-enrolled be allowed to complete their college courses regardless of the status for K-12 schools (assuming the institution of higher learning is still able to offer instruction)?***

Local school systems should work collaboratively with their postsecondary institutions to ensure continuity of instruction for dually enrolled students. Dually enrolled students in postsecondary institutions who have transitioned to online instruction should complete their coursework. Local school systems should ensure attendance per the college requirements, that the course grades are captured by the college, and that attendance and grade information is provided to the LSS.

#### TESTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- ***Will there be a waiver for state testing? If yes, will school systems need to apply for it individually or will it be statewide?***

On March 25, 2020, Maryland received approval on a waiver for accountability. Through the waiver, Maryland will not administer the statewide assessments to all students in the 2019-2020 school year, or make annual accountability determinations, identify schools for support and improvement, or provide data on its State and local report cards for assessment and accountability information based on the 2019-2020 data.

For the graduating Class of 2020, the request for the waiver for assessment graduation requirements for Algebra I, English 10, HS MISA, and Government was approved by the State Board of Education on April 14, 2020.

The waiver from USED is statewide.

A waiver for assessment graduation requirements for Algebra I, English 10, HS MISA, and Government was approved by the State Board of Education on April 14, 2020, for seniors only. Recommendations regarding assessment requirements for graduation for classes other than seniors are under discussion.

- ***Will SAT, ACT, AP, and IB exams move forward as scheduled?***

As of March 20, the April ACT and May SAT administrations have been cancelled.

The ACT has rescheduled the April 4, 2020 test date to June 13, 2020. Per their website, "ACT will communicate directly with all students currently registered for the April 4, 2020 ACT test. All students registered for the April 4 test date will receive an email from ACT in the next few days informing them of the postponement and instructions for next steps." The SAT has not yet been rescheduled. Link: [Coronavirus Updates for Students Taking the SAT](#)

According to the College Board, there will be two AP test dates: one upcoming this spring for students who wish to test immediately, and one at a later date. The free-response part of the exams will be online and exam content will focus on what most schools should have been able to complete by early March. Starting March 25, AP students can attend free, live AP review courses. The College Board will release the full schedule and more details on April 3.

Many colleges are reacting to the College Board news and announcing that they are moving to provide a test optional admission process to be used by students if needed. More may follow.

International Baccalaureate (IB) announced on March 22, 2020, that IB assessments would not be administered anywhere in the world this spring. Students will be awarded the IB Diploma or Certificate based on their course work and what exams they were registered to take. More information: <https://www.ibo.org/news/news-about-the-ib/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/>