

ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION EXAM TALKING POINTS

- Passing the required subject-area tests of the *Alabama High School Graduation Exam* (AHSGE) is one requirement for students to receive an Alabama high school diploma.
- The AHSGE is an assessment of required high school core course work.
- The AHSGE is given at Grade 10 as a checkpoint so that students' strengths and weaknesses on the content of the test may be identified. However, students who pass a subject-area test in Grade 10 will be given credit for passing.
- The AHSGE is administered at the end of Grade 11. For students not passing, it is offered again in the summer between Grade 11 and Grade 12, in the fall of Grade 12, at mid-year of Grade 12, and in the spring of Grade 12.
- Twelfth graders scored the following in 2005: 95% passed reading, 95% passed language, 95% passed mathematics, 95% passed science, and 93% passed social studies.
- Eleventh graders scored the following in 2005: 86% passed reading, 80% passed language, 78% passed mathematics, 81% passed science, and 76% passed social studies.
- Tenth graders scored the following in 2005: 74% passed reading, 68% passed language, 64% passed mathematics, 70% passed science, and 61% passed social studies. (Note: Tenth graders have not had the eleventh grade U.S. History course that is included on the AHSGE. Therefore, it is not surprising that the scores in this area are not as high as they are in other areas.)
- 39,913 Grade 12 students were reported for reading; 39,905 for language; 39,868 for mathematics; 39,884 for science; and 39,899 for social studies. (This was an increase of approximately 1,500 students from last year.)
- 45,091 Grade 11 students were reported for reading; 45,017 for language; 45,009 for mathematics; 44,993 for science; and 45,026 for social studies. (This was an increase of approximately 1,200 students from last year.)