

## **State Board of Education**

The State Board of Education plans to change the label on the Algebra II and English Standards of Learning Assessments from “Passed Advanced” to “College and Career Ready”.

### **Considerations**

1. The impression a student is not ready to attend college unless he or she makes a single score on these assessments.
2. Labeling a student, while labels are discouraged for disabled students or students limited in their potential through the use of one test.
3. Performance on a single test can be influenced by factors other than core knowledge of the subject matter.
4. This change may encourage children and parents decide not to pursue college as early as their freshman or sophomore year once they have taken the Algebra II assessment. Such a decision would be very difficult to change or reverse.
5. Future changes in the Standard of Learning assessments will cause scores to drop. Thus, students determined ready one year may be in the opposite category the next year.

### **Action Available:**

Request Board of Education to retain the “Passed Advanced” term and develop multiple criteria from a variety of sources in deciding whether a child is career and college ready.

Support Board of Education’s plan to change the assessment label.

No position.