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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: State Superintendent Janet Barresi
DATE: January 26, 2012
SUBJECT: Exception to the ACE Graduation Requirements

State Board of Education approval is requested for an exception to the process for retaking the ACE English II End of Instruction (EOI) assessment in order to meet the ACE Graduation Requirements for our English Language Learners (ELL). *“Students identified as English language learners shall be assessed in a valid and reliable manner with the state academic assessments with acceptable accommodations as necessary or, to the extent practicable, with alternate assessments aligned to the state assessment provided by the school district in the language and form most likely to yield accurate data of the student’s knowledge of the content areas.”* (70-1210.523)(E)(2)

According to 70 O.S. § 1210.523(D)(2), *“The State Board of Education shall adopt rules providing for necessary exceptions and exemptions to the requirement of this section.”* Oklahoma Administrative Code Chapter 210:10-13-16, Student Exceptions and Exemptions Related to Graduation Requirements for End-of-Instruction Exams, outlines the process for students to participate in remediation and/or retake EOI tests.

It is proposed that ELL students who have lived in the United States less than three (3) years prior to their proposed graduation date be allowed to retake the ACE English II EOI with all regularly available accommodations and the additional accommodation of test items being read aloud and repeated (which is not a normally allowable accommodation on the ACE English II test), contingent on the following conditions:

- The student has already taken the English II EOI and scored Limited Knowledge or Unsatisfactory;
- The student has participated in remediation as provided or approved by the local school district;
- The student has a passing grade in the English II course; and
- The “Read Aloud” accommodation is normally employed as part of classroom instruction on a regular basis.

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