

Recommendations: US History and the Constitution End of Course Test

The U.S. History and the Constitution field test was reviewed by the EOC in December 2006 and the EOC recommended that, given the difficulty of the test, the test continue as a field test and that teachers be surveyed regarding their coverage of the course standards in instruction. The survey results indicated that teachers did not have sufficient time to cover all the standards adequately and were not teaching all of the standards. The EOC adopted recommendations and forwarded them to the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) in October 2007.

At its February 2008 meeting the EOC reviewed the response to the recommendations and decided to defer approval action for the US History and the Constitution End of Course test until student performance data for 2007-2008 and final teacher support materials could be reviewed during Summer 2008, and recommended continuation of the administration of the test during the 2007-2008 school year.

At its September 22, 2008 meeting the Academic Standards and Assessments Subcommittee adopted the following recommendations for consideration by the EOC:

Approve the adoption of the US History and the Constitution End of Course Test for administration beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. The South Carolina Department of Education should disseminate all professional development support documents for the US History and the Constitution course, including the Prioritized Scope and Sequence and Instructional Planning Guide for the course, as soon as possible.

The EOC adopted this recommendation on October 13, 2008.