Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE)
Frequently Asked Questions for K–12 Administration

General Information

What are the test dates for the Florida Civic Literacy Examination (FCLE) in the 2026–2027 school year?
The test will be offered in late fall/winter (November 2–December 18, 2026) and in the spring (March 29–May 28, 2027). Districts may choose local administration dates within these windows.

What standards is the test based on?
The assessment is based on the competencies and outcomes identified at http://www.fldoe.org/policy/articulation/postsec-civics-lit.stml. It is not tied to K–12 state academic standards.

Students to Be Tested

Who is required to take the FCLE?
According to section 1003.4282(3)(d), F.S., "Beginning with the 2021–2022 school year, students taking the United States Government course are required to take the assessment of civic literacy identified by the State Board of Education pursuant to s. 1007.25(5). Students earning a passing score on the assessment are exempt from the postsecondary civic literacy assessment required by s. 1007.25(5)." At this time, there is no alternate version of the test, so students in the Access U.S. Government course (7921015) are not required to participate. See the list of courses which require FCLE participation below.

- 2106310 – United States Government
- 2106320 – United States Government Honors
- 2106410 – Humane Letters 1 History
- 2106415 – Humane Letters 1 History Honors
- 2106460 – American Political Systems Honors
- 2106800 – Florida's Pre-International Baccalaureate United States Government
- 2106420 – Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics
- 2106325 – CLEP American Government
- POSX041 – American Government 1
- AMHX010 – Introductory Survey to 1877
- AMHX020 – Introductory Survey Since 1877

What grade level should be administered the FCLE?
There is no specified grade level for the test. Any student in grades 6–12 is eligible if enrolled in the United States Government course. Students earning a passing score on the assessment are exempt from the postsecondary civic literacy assessment required by s. 1007.25(5), F.S.

Can any students take the test, even if they are not enrolled in a U.S. Government course?
This is up to the district's discretion. Only those students enrolled are required to take it.

Can private school students take the FCLE?
At this time, it is not possible for a private school to administer the FCLE locally. It is up to the district's discretion whether they would allow private school students to participate through their local school district.

Test Delivery System

What platform will the FCLE be administered on?
The FCLE will be administered on the Cambium Assessment, Inc. (CAI) Test Delivery System (TDS) platform.

How do K–12 schools or districts enroll students for the test?
Similar to other statewide, standardized assessments, districts can upload a PreID file to make students eligible for the test or schools can manually enter students in TIDE.

Are remote administrations permitted?
No, remote administrations are not permitted for the K–12 FCLE.

Test Preparation

What resources are available for test preparation?
Civic literacy resources are available at: Civics Literacy Excellence Initiative (CLEI).

Is there a practice test available for the FCLE?
Sample items and a *Supplemental Guide for the FCLE* are available at: https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/fcle.stml.

A computer-based version of the FCLE sample items and an answer key are available at: https://flfast.org/families.html.

Test Administration

What resources are available for administration of the FCLE?
Schools will use the most recent test administration manuals for policy information and scripts. CBT and PBT accommodated scripts are available on the portal.

How long is the test?
The FCLE is one 160-minute session with a break at 80 minutes. Students may be dismissed at the break if they are finished. Students may have up to half a typical school day to continue working if they are not finished after 160 minutes.

How many and what type of items are on the FCLE?
The test consists of approximately 80 multiple-choice questions.

Will students receive CBT Worksheets for this assessment?
No, students will not receive any ancillary materials for the FCLE.

Accommodations

What accommodations are available for the test?

- The following accessibility tools and CBT accommodations are available:
    - Color Contrast
    - Dyslexia Friendly Font
    - Masking
    - Text-to-Speech
    - Zoom
    - ZoomText
- The following paper-based accommodations are available:
    - Regular Print
    - Large Print
    - One-Item-Per-Page
    - Braille

Will ELL students receive accommodations on the FCLE?
Yes, similar to other statewide assessments, ELLs and recently exited ELLs must be offered accommodations for the FCLE, including:

- Flexible Setting
- Flexible Scheduling
- Assistance in Heritage Language
- Approved Dictionary and Glossary

Scoring and Reporting

What score information will students, teachers, schools, and districts receive?
Raw score information, including overall score and scores for each domain/competency area will be available immediately after tests are completed and results will be delivered through the Florida Reporting System. After the close of each window, districts are provided a District Students Results (DSR) file from FDOE in ShareFile.

What is a passing score on the assessment?
In accordance with the Board of Governors (BOG) Regulation 8.006 Civic Literacy, the passing score on the FCLE (referred to as the "U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization Test – Civics [U.S. history and government] with supplemental questions" within the

Regulation) is 60% correct. This passing score applies to K–12 and Florida College System as well, per State Board of Education Rule, 6A-10.02413, F.A.C., Civic Literacy Competency.

How will the K–12 student's passing score be transmitted to postsecondary institutions to show they have met the assessment requirement?
K–12 school districts will submit students' scores through Survey uploads, in the Appendix I and L databases, to be included on students' transcripts.

Will the FCLE be tied to accountability or school grades?
Students earning a passing score on the assessment are exempt from the postsecondary civic literacy assessment required by s. 1007.25(5), F.S. There are no other statewide implications for accountability or school grades.

May a student retake the test to attempt to make a passing score?
Examinees must wait 30 days before attempting to retake the FCLE to allow for remediation prior to retesting.

How many times may a student retake the test in a school year?
Students will have two opportunities per window (fall and spring).

Will the FCLE be used to calculate a final grade for course?
This is not indicated in statutory language. It is not required to count as 30% of the student's course grade.