



2014-2015 Assessment Status Update
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2014 – 2015 Assessments

	FSA	FCAT 2.0/EOC
Contractor	American Institutes for Research (AIR)	Pearson
Standards Assessed	Florida Standards	Next Generation Sunshine State Standards
	Grades 3 – 11 ELA Grades 3 – 8 Mathematics Algebra 1 Geometry Algebra 2	Grades 5-8 Science FCAT Mathematics Retake FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake Algebra 1 Retake Geometry Retake (Fall and Winter only) Biology 1 Civics
Computer-Based Platform	Test Delivery System (TDS)	TestNav8

Testing Modes

- Computer-Based Assessments
 - FSA Grades 5-11 ELA Reading Component
 - FSA Grades 8-11 ELA Writing Component
 - FSA Grades 3-8 Mathematics
 - FSA Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 EOCs
 - NGSSS US History, Civics, Biology EOCs
 - NGSSS Algebra 1, Geometry, FCAT Mathematics Retake and FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake
- Paper-Based Assessments
 - FSA Grades 3 & 4 ELA and Mathematics
 - FSA Grades 4-7 ELA writing component
 - FCAT 2.0 Grades 5 & 8 Science
 - Accommodations for students with specific IEP or 504 plan

2014–15 Testing Time and Testing Windows

Florida Standards Assessments (FSA)

English Language Arts - Writing and Reading Components						Mathematics			
Grade Level	Days of Testing Per Student	Total Minutes per Grade Level		Total School Days in Testing Window		Grade Level	Days of Testing Per Student	Total Minutes per Grade Level	Total School Days in Testing Window
		Writing*	Reading	Writing	Reading				
3	2	N/A	160	N/A	15	3	2	160	15
4	3	90	160	10	15	4	2	160	15
5	3	90	160	10	20	5	2	160	20
6	3	90	170	10	20	6	2	180	20
7	3	90	170	10	20	7	2	180	20
8	3	90	170	10	20	8	2	180	20
9	3	90	180	10	20				
10	3	90	180	10	20				
11	3	90	180	10	20				

* The FSA ELA Writing Component Test is comprised of one, 90-minute session, which is the amount of time represented in this chart. However, students may have up to 120 minutes to complete their work, if needed.

Comparison of 2007-08, 2013–14 and 2014–15 Testing Times

Grade Level	Number of Days of Testing			Total Minutes per Grade Level		
	2007-08	2013-14	2014-15	2007-08	2013-14	2014-15
3	5	4	4	390	280	320
4	7	5	5	555	340	410
5	7	6	7	550	440	570
6	3	3	5	380	280	440
7 ³	3	3	5	380	280	440
8 ³	5	5	6	705	500	600
9 ³	3 ⁴	2	3	370 ⁴	140	270
10 ³	4 ⁴	3	3	595 ⁴	200	270
11 ³	1	N/A	3	150	N/A	270

³This grade is likely to have at least one EOC assessment that could add 1-2 days and 160-180 minutes per assessment and administration (four administration opportunities per year).
⁴This includes a mathematics assessment for grades 9 and 10.

Florida Standards Assessments Portal

- Portal launched on June 30, 2014 to provide parents, students, schools and districts with information on the new assessment
- Over 550,000 unique visitors to the portal
- Over 2.6 million page views

Florida Standards Assessments Portal Resources

- Summer 2014
 - Training tests and sample calculators for student practice
 - Test specifications and blueprints that provide information on which standards are assessed, numbers of questions on each test, and types of questions on each test.
 - Rubrics for how the English language arts text-based writing component will be scored
 - Resources to help districts and schools prepare (e.g., testing calendar, computer-based transition schedule, technical requirements)

Florida Standards Assessments Portal Resources

- Fall 2014
 - Updates to policies, rubrics, blueprints and specifications to provide additional detail on the assessments, including testing time
 - Test administration user guides for districts and schools
 - Sample mathematics reference sheets
 - Writing planning sheets
 - Writing response sheets for paper-based writing in grades 4-7.

Florida Standards Assessments Resources

- Coming Winter 2014-15
 - Paper-based practice materials for regular print paper in Grades 3 & 4 and paper-based accommodations for Grades 5-11 and EOCs
 - Large print and braille practice material
 - Seven regional face-to-face trainings for district and school test administrators from January 26-February 5
- In addition, the Office of Assessment and AIR's Help Desk have been and will continue to answer emails and calls from students, teachers, and the public regarding the new assessments.

Completed Assessments

- **Fall NGSSS:** Algebra 1 Retake, Biology 1, Civics, Geometry Retake, U.S. History, FCAT Mathematics Retake, FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake
 - Last use of Pearson TestNav 6.9 platform
- **Winter NGSSS EOCs:** Algebra 1 Retake, Biology 1, Civics, Geometry Retake, U.S. History
 - First use of Pearson TestNav 8 platform, which provides for use of tablets.

Upcoming FSA Milestones

- February 13: Complete field testing for the FSA ELA Writing Component
 - Testing began December 1st on computer in Grades 8-11 (AIR's TDS platform)
 - Over 5,000 tests complete thus far across 16 districts. No issues reported.
 - Paper-based writing field test in Grades 4-7 begins 2/2.
- March 2-13 2015: FSA ELA Writing Component operational assessment
- March 23-April 10: FSA Grades 3 & 4 ELA and mathematics
- April 13-May 8: FSA Grades 5-11 ELA and Grades 3-8 mathematics
- April 20-May 15: FSA EOCs (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2)
- No later than the week of June 8: Report results (percentile rank and t scores for all grades, plus linked scores for Grades 3 & 10 ELA and Algebra 1)

Upcoming FCAT 2.0/ NGSSS EOC Milestones

- April 13-May 8: FCAT 2.0 Grades 5 & 8 Science
- March 23-April 10: Algebra 1 Retake
- April 20-May 2: Biology, US History, Civics
- April 20-May 15: FSA EOCs (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2)
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FSA Management

- Department staff are working closely throughout each day with leadership, across divisions, and with AIR management and program staff
- In addition to daily communications with AIR on specific topics, scheduled weekly calls are held:
 - Overall project management
 - Weekly program management overview
 - Test development
 - Test production
 - Test administration
 - Scoring and reporting
 - Psychometrics and research