

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
September 14, 2018

SUBJECT: Amendment to Rule 6A-1.094224, Uniform Assessment Calendar

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1008.22(13), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed amendment revises language in the incorporated uniform assessment calendar template that is no longer applicable.

The passage of House Bill 7069, which went into effect on July 1, 2017, amended section 1012.34, Florida Statutes, to make the use of Florida's Value-Added Model (VAM) optional for the purposes of teacher evaluation. The template is, therefore, being amended to remove "teacher evaluation" as a required use of the statewide, standardized assessments; to ensure the template accurately reflects current purposes, required uses, and statutory citations for the statewide, standardized assessment; and to remove footnotes that pertain only to specific assessments and not to the blank template.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-1.094224, F.A.C., and Uniform Assessment Calendar template

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6A-1.094224 Uniform Assessment Calendar.

(1) through (4) No change.

(5) The Uniform Statewide Assessment Calendar template, Form ARM 001, effective ~~July 2016~~, October 2018, (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07093>) is incorporated herein by reference and made part of this rule. Copies of the Uniform Assessment template may be obtained from the Office of Assessment, Division of Accountability Research and Measurement, Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-0400 or by emailing assessments@fldoe.org.

Rulemaking Authority 1002.23(5), 1008.22(7)(i), (13) F.S. Law Implemented 1002.23(5), 1008.22(7) F.S.

History—New 7-26-16, Amended 10-17-17.

Uniform Statewide Assessment Calendar

According to Section 1008.22(7)(d), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.094224, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C), each school district must complete this uniform calendar with district-required assessment information, publish the calendar to the district website, and provide it to the Department by October 1 of each school year, beginning in 2016–17. Districts must provide completed calendars to schools and include the calendar in their parent guides. In addition, each school must publish the completed calendar on its website.

The statewide assessment information in sections 3 and 4 should not be altered; however, districts may otherwise modify and populate this template to accurately indicate their assessment schedules for the school year.

1. Glossary of Assessment Terms

The following glossary includes definitions of assessment terms and explanations of acronyms used throughout this template. Districts may add rows as needed for additional glossary terms that are specific to district-required assessments. Do not modify any other information in this section.

Acronym/Term	Definition
ACCESS for ELLs	Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State (ACCESS) for English Language Learners (ELLs)
Accommodation	Per Rule 6A-1.0943, F.A.C., "Accommodations are defined as adjustments to the presentation of the statewide standardized assessment questions, methods of recording examinee responses to the questions, scheduling for the administration of a statewide standardized assessment to include amount of time for administration, settings for administration of a statewide standardized assessment, and the use of assistive technology or devices to facilitate the student's participation in a statewide standardized assessment."
CBT	Computer-Based Test
Diagnostic	Assessments that measure students' understanding of a subject area or skills base, which allow teachers and educators to evaluate student learning, focusing on strengths and areas of need
District Window	The selected dates within the statewide window during which a district will administer a given assessment
District-Required Assessments	Assessments required by the school district for students in a specific grade or course
ELA	English Language Arts
EOC	End-of-Course
Evaluative	Assessments that measure student proficiency at selected intervals in order to compare change over time and to compare state-level results
FAIR	Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading
FLKRS	Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener
Formative	Formative assessments are the formal and informal ways that teachers and students gather and respond to evidence of student learning. Formative assessments are part of teaching in the classroom. Formative assessments will not result in a score that will appear on a student's report card, but they serve the greater purpose of informing both students and teachers on what changes need to happen in classroom instruction to better serve the needs of individual students.
FSA	Florida Standards Assessments
FSAA	Florida Standards Alternate Assessment

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Interim	Interim assessments are administered on a smaller scale (i.e., school or district) with results that can be used at the classroom level or aggregated at the school- or district-level. Depending on the design, interim assessments can be used to predict a student's ability to succeed on a summative assessment, to evaluate a program, or to diagnose student learning gaps.
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress
NGSSS	Next Generation Sunshine State Standards
PBT	Paper-Based Test
Progress Monitoring	Process used to determine whether a student's academic performance is improving, at what rate it is improving, and how effective instruction has been
PSAT/NMSQT	Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
Summative	Assessments that evaluate student mastery of Florida's academic standards at or near the conclusion of the course of instruction
Statewide, Standardized Assessments	All assessments required by s. 1008.22, F.S.
Statewide Window	The range of dates during which districts and/or schools may choose to administer a given assessment
Testing Time	The amount of time individual students are each given to respond to test items on each test
VAM	A Value-Added Model (VAM) is used by some school districts as part of their educator evaluation system. It is also used in the approval process for teacher preparation programs, as part of the criteria for teachers to qualify for a financial award under the Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship program and as part of the criteria to extend an educator's temporary teaching certificate.
VPK	Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program

2. Test, Type, and Purpose/Use

Add rows as needed to define district-required tests, test type, and their purpose/use in your district. If additional types are added, define applicable types in the glossary. Do not modify any other information in this section.

Test	Type	Purpose/Required Use	Statutory Authority/Required Use Citation
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0	Diagnostic	Measure English language acquisition of ELLs	s. 1003.56, F.S.
Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	Diagnostic	Measure English language acquisition of ELLs with significant cognitive disabilities	Rule 6A-6.0902, F.A.C. Rule 6A-6.09021, F.A.C. Rule 6A-6.0903, F.A.C.
FAIR	Diagnostic/Progress Monitoring	Provides general estimates of students' reading ability/monitors students' progress toward meeting grade-level skills in reading	s. 1008.25(4), F.S.
FLKRS	Diagnostic/Progress Monitoring	Determine readiness for kindergarten; used to calculate VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates	s. 1002.69, F.S. Rule 6M-8.601, F.A.C.
FSA	Summative		
FSAA	Summative		



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Test	Type	Purpose/Required Use	Statutory Authority/Required Use Citation
NGSSS EOC Statewide Science Assessment	Summative	Purpose: Measure student achievement of Florida's academic standards (Florida Standards, Next Generation Sunshine State Standards) Required uses: third grade retention; high school standard diploma; EOC assessments as 30% of course grade; school grades; school improvement rating; district grades; differentiated accountability; VAM; scholar designation; Credit Acceleration Program; school improvement plans; school, district, state, and federal reporting	s. 1002.38, F.S.
	Summative		s. 1003.4156, F.S. s. 1003.4282, F.S. s. 1004.04, F.S. s. 1004.85, F.S. s. 1008.22, F.S. s. 1008.25, F.S. s. 1008.33, F.S. s. 1008.34, F.S. s. 1008.341, F.S. s. 1012.34, F.S. s. 1012.56, F.S. s. 1012.731, F.S. Rule 6A-1.09422, F.A.C. Rule 6A-1.094221, F.A.C. Rule 6A-1.094222, F.A.C. Rule 6A-1.0943, F.A.C. Rule 6A-1.09432, F.A.C. Rule 6A-1.09981, F.A.C. Rule 6A-1.099811, F.A.C. Rule 6A-1.099822, F.A.C. Rule 6A-5.0411, F.A.C.
NAEP	Evaluative	Measure student performance for comparison among state and national populations over time	s. 1008.22, F.S.
PreACT	Summative	Inform course placement	s. 1007.35, F.S.
PSAT/NMSQT	Summative	Inform course placement	s. 1007.35, F.S.

3. Required Statewide Assessments

The following assessments are required for students as indicated in the Students to Be Tested column.

Populate the **District Window** column for each assessment in the table below. Do not modify any other information in this section. When calculating total test time in Section 6, do not include times for assessments indicated by grey rows, which indicate duplicate assessment windows (e.g., EOCs), assessments that take the place of another assessment, or assessments that do not have a specified testing time.

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Assessment	Students to Be Tested	Statewide Window	District Window	Mode	Testing Time	Results Expected

4. Statewide Assessments for SELECT Students

The following assessments are only intended for selected students/students in certain sub-groups. Populate the **District Window** column for the assessments in the table below. If an assessment is not being administered in your district, indicate "N/A" in the District Window column. Do not modify any other information in this section.

Because the tests included in this section are not administered to all students or, in some cases, are optional for students, the testing time for these tests should not be included in the total testing time calculated in Section 6.

Assessment	Applicable Students	Statewide Window	District Window	Mode	Testing Time	Results Expected

5. District-Required Assessment Information

Complete the table below with assessments that are required for all schools in your district.

Assessment	Students to Be Tested	District Window	Mode	Testing Time	Results Expected

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6. Estimates of Total Testing Time by Grade Level

Estimates of average time for administering state-required and district-required assessments (listed in Sections 3 and 5 above) by grade level. Subject-based assessments should be included with the grade level to which they are most likely to be administered (e.g., Biology 1 with grade 9).

Grade Level	Statewide Assessments	District Assessments	Approximate Total Testing Time (In Minutes)
K			
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			

