

As many Floridians are aware, our state has been in a period of transition as we have made important decisions to improve our education system and raise the bar for our schools, educators and students. Please see below for an overview of the direction we are moving in statewide assessments, which assessments will be offered in the upcoming school year, how those assessments will be offered and ways families can support their children in preparation for the new assessments.

The Florida Standards and Florida Standards Assessments

The Florida Standards in Mathematics and English Language Arts were approved by the Florida State Board of Education in February 2014 and will be fully implemented in grades K–12 in the 2014–2015 school year. All Florida schools will teach the Florida Standards, and the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has contracted with the American Institutes for Research (AIR) to develop and administer new statewide assessments. These assessments will provide parents, teachers, policy makers and the general public with information regarding how well students are learning the Florida standards.

What assessments will my child be taking?

The following Florida Standards Assessments will be administered for the first time in Spring 2015:

- Grades 3–11 English Language Arts (Writing component in grades 4–11)
- Grades 3–8 Mathematics
- Algebra 1 End-of-Course Assessment
- Geometry End-of-Course Assessment
- Algebra 2 End-of-Course Assessment

Promoting Success and Family Support

Parents can promote student success by staying involved in their child's education, offering positive support and feedback and encouraging them to relax and do their very best. By staying connected with their student's school and teachers and taking advantage of online resources, such as school websites and portals, parents can stay informed and be best equipped to meet the needs of their students at home.

Finding Resources

Families are encouraged to take advantage of the information and resources available on the Florida Standards Assessments portal (www.FSAssessments.org) and the FDOE website (www.fldoe.org). More resources will be made available throughout the 2014–2015 school year, so parents and students should check these websites regularly for updates.

Computer-Based Testing

Florida has been transitioning to computer-based testing since 2010 and will continue to do so in Spring 2015. AIR offers a dynamic computer-based test delivery system. Students will respond to items in multiple ways, including creating graphs, writing short responses and using other interactive features. The various question types are designed to assess higher-order thinking skills and offer exciting new ways for students to show what they know and can do. Training tests are now available for students, parents and educators to become familiar with the new testing system. The training tests can be accessed at www.FSAssessments.org/training-tests.

In Spring 2015, all grades 5–11 English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments will be administered online, with paper-based versions available for students with disabilities who have this accommodation outlined in their Individual Educational Plans (IEPs). Computer-based accommodations, such as text-to-speech, will also be available in the platform for eligible students who require them. Grades 3 and 4 assessments in 2014–2015 will be paper-based tests only. Please reference the 2014–2015 Statewide Assessment Schedule located on the FSA portal (www.FSAssessments.org) for information about when the tests will be administered.

WEEK ZERO			
Week 0 – Monday, March 2			Last Day to Test
Grades 4*, 5*	FSA Writing – 1 Session*	90 minutes (up to 120)	3/13/15

***= Paper-based Test.** Writing can be administered in any grade level order or simultaneously and **ANY** student may use up to 120 minutes to complete the test regardless of any IEP/504 accommodation.

WEEK ONE			
Day 1 – Monday, March 23			Last Day to Test
Teacher Planning Day	Teacher Planning Day	Teacher Planning Day	No Testing
Day 2 – Tuesday, March 24			
Student 1 st day Back	Student 1 st day Back	Student 1 st day Back	No Testing
Day 3 – Wednesday, March 25			
Grades 3*, 4*	Reading – Session 1*	80 minutes	4/10/15
Day 4 – Thursday, March 26			
Grades 3*, 4*	Reading – Session 2*	80 minutes	4/10/15
Day 5 – Friday, March 27			
Grades 3*, 4*	Continue Reading Testing	80 minute sessions	4/10/15

*= Paper-based Test

WEEK TWO			
Day 6 – Monday, March 30			Last Day to Test
Grades 3*, 4*	Continue Reading Testing	80 minute sessions	4/10/15
Day 7 – Tuesday, March 31			
Grades 3*, 4*	Continue Reading Testing	80 minute sessions	4/10/15
Days 8 – Wednesday, April 1			
Grades 3*, 4*	Math – Session 1*	80 minutes	4/10/15
Days 9 – Thursday, April 2			
Grades 3*, 4*	Math – Session 2*	80 minutes	4/10/15
Day 10 – Friday, April 3 – No School			

*= Paper-based Test

WEEK THREE			
Day 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 – Monday, April 6 – Friday, April 10			Last Day to Test
Grades 3*, 4*	Continue Math & Reading Testing	80 minute sessions	4/10/15

*= Paper-based Test

WEEK FOUR			
Day 16 – Monday, April 13			Last Day to Test
Grade 5	Reading – Session 1	80 minutes	5/8/15
Day 17 – Tuesday, April 14			
Grade 5	Reading – Session 2	80 minutes	5/8/15
Day 18, 19, 20 – Wednesday, April 15 – Friday, April 17			
Grade 5	Continue Reading Testing	80 minute sessions	5/8/15

WEEK FIVE			
Day 21 – Monday, April 20			Last Day to Test
Grade 5	Math – Session 1	80 minutes	5/8/15
Day 22 – Tuesday, April 21			
Grade 5	Math – Session 2	80 minutes	5/8/15
Day 23, 24, 25 – Wednesday, April 22 – Friday, April 24			
Grade 5	Continue Math & Reading Testing	80 minute sessions	5/8/15

WEEK SIX			
Day 26 – Monday, April 27			Last Day to Test
Grade 5	Science – Session 1*	80 minutes	5/8/15
Day 27 – Tuesday, April 28			
Grade 5	Science – Session 2*	80 minutes	5/8/15
Day 28, 29, 30 – Wednesday, April 29 – Friday, May 1			
Grade 5	Continue Math, Reading, & Science* Testing	80 minute sessions	5/8/15

*= Paper-based Test

WEEK SEVEN			
Day 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 – Monday, May 4 – Friday, May 8			Last Day to Test
Grade 5	Continue Math, Reading, & Science* Testing	80 minute sessions	5/8/15

*= Paper-based Test

WEEK ZERO			
Week 0 – Monday, March 2			Last Day to Test
Grade 6*, 7*	FSA Writing – 1 Session	90 minutes (up to 120)	3/13/15
Grade 8 (CBT)	FSA Writing – 1 Session	90 minutes (up to 120)	3/13/15

***= Paper-based Test.** Writing can be administered in any grade level order or simultaneously and **ANY** student may use up to 120 minutes to complete the test regardless of any IEP/504 accommodation.

WEEK ONE			
Day 1 – Monday, April 13			Last Day to Test
Grade 6	Reading – Session 1	85 minutes	5/8/15
Day 2 – Tuesday, April 14			
Grade 6	Reading – Session 2	85 minutes	5/8/15
Day 3 – Wednesday, April 15			
Grade 6	Math – Session 1	60 minutes	5/8/15
Grade 6	Continue Reading Testing	85 minutes	5/8/15
Grade 8	Science – Session 1 & 2*	160 min (80 min/sess)	5/8/15
Day 4 – Thursday, April 16			
Grade 6	Math – Session 2 & 3	120 mins (60min/sess)	5/8/15
Grade 6	Continue Reading Testing	85 minutes	5/8/15
Grade 8*	Science – Session 1 & 2*	160 min (80 min/sess)	5/8/15
Day 5 – Friday, April 17			
Grade 6	Continue Reading Testing	85 minute sessions	5/8/15
Grade 6	Continue Math Testing	60-120 min sessions	5/8/15
Grade 8*	Continue Science Testing*	160 min (80 min/sess)	5/8/15

*= Paper-based Test. For Science, both sessions are given in the same day.

WEEK TWO			
Day 6 – Monday, April 20			Last Day to Test
Grade 6	Continue Math Testing	60-120 min sessions	5/8/15
Day 7 – Tuesday, April 21			
Grades 7	Reading – Session 1	85 minutes	5/8/15
Days 8 – Wednesday, April 22			
Grades 7	Reading – Session 2	85 minutes	5/8/15
Days 9 – Thursday, April 23			
Grade 7	Math – Session 1	60 minutes	5/8/15
Grade 7	Continue Reading Testing	85 minutes	5/8/15
Day 10 – Friday, April 24			
Grade 7	Math – Session 2 & 3	120 mins (60min/sess)	5/8/15
Grade 7	Continue Reading Testing	85 minutes	5/8/15

WEEK THREE			
Day 11 – Monday, April 27			Last Day to Test
Grade 7	Continue Math Testing	60-120 min sessions	5/8/15
Day 12 – Tuesday, April 28			
Grade 7	Continue Math Testing	60-120 min sessions	5/8/15
Days 13 – Wednesday, April 29			
Grade 8	Reading – Session 1	85 minutes	5/8/15
Days 14 – Thursday, April 30			
Grade 8	Reading – Session 2	85 minutes	5/8/15
Day 15 – Friday, May 1			
Grade 8	Math – Session 1	60 minutes	5/8/15
Grade 8	Continue Reading Testing	85 minutes	5/8/15

WEEK FOUR			
Day 16 – Monday, May 4			Last Day to Test
Grade 8	Math – Session 2 & 3	120 mins (60min/sess)	5/8/15
Grade 8	Continue Reading Testing	85 minutes	5/8/15
Day 17 – Tuesday, May 5			
Grade 8	Continue Math Testing	60-120 min sessions	5/8/15
Day 18 – Wednesday, May 6			
Grade 8	Continue Math Testing	60-120 min sessions	5/8/15
Day 19 – Thursday, May 7			
All EOCs (FSA & NGSSS) can be given in any order or concurrently by school			
Alg I/Geo FSA EOCs ¹	Alg I / Geo (FSA) EOC – 2 sessions over 2 days	90 minute sessions	5/15/15
Civics NGSSS EOC ²	Civics (NGSSS) EOC – 1 session over 1 day	160 minute session	5/22/15
Grades 6,7,8	Finish up Reading & Math Testing	60, 85, 120 min sess	5/8/15
Day 20 – Friday, May 8			
Alg I/Geo FSA EOCs ¹	Alg I / Geo (FSA) EOC – 2 sessions over 2 days	90 minute sessions	5/15/15
Civics NGSSS EOC ²	Civics (NGSSS) EOC – 1 session over 1 day	160 minute session	5/22/15
Grades 6,7,8	Finish up Reading & Math Testing	60, 85, 120 min sess	5/8/15

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WEEK FIVE			
Day 21 – Monday, May 11			Last Day to Test
Alg I/Geo FSA EOCs ¹	Alg I / Geo (FSA) EOC – <i>2 sessions over 2 days</i>	90 minute sessions	5/15/15
Civics NGSSS EOC ²	Civics (NGSSS) EOC – <i>1 session over 1 day</i>	160 minute session	5/22/15
Day 22 – Tuesday, May 12			
Alg I/Geo FSA EOCs ¹	Alg I / Geo (FSA) EOC – <i>2 sessions over 2 days</i>	90 minute sessions	5/15/15
Civics NGSSS EOC ²	Civics (NGSSS) EOC – <i>1 session over 1 day</i>	160 minute session	5/22/15
Day 23 – Wednesday, May 13			
Alg I/Geo FSA EOCs ¹	Alg I / Geo (FSA) EOC – <i>2 sessions over 2 days</i>	90 minute sessions	5/15/15
Civics NGSSS EOC ²	Civics (NGSSS) EOC – <i>1 session over 1 day</i>	160 minute session	5/22/15
Day 24 – Thursday, May 14			
Alg I/Geo FSA EOCs ¹	Alg I / Geo (FSA) EOC – <i>2 sessions over 2 days</i>	90 minute sessions	5/15/15
Civics NGSSS EOC ²	Civics (NGSSS) EOC – <i>1 session over 1 day</i>	160 minute session	5/22/15
Day 25 – Friday, May 15			
All FSA EOCs (Alg I/Geo) must be completed by Friday, May 15			
Alg I/Geo FSA EOCs ¹	Alg I / Geo (FSA) EOC – <i>2 sessions over 2 days</i>	90 minute sessions	5/15/15
Civics NGSSS EOC ²	Civics (NGSSS) EOC – <i>1 session over 1 day</i>	160 minute session	5/22/15

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WEEK SIX			
Day 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 – Monday, May 18 – Friday, May 22			Last Day to Test
All NGSSS EOCs (Civics) must be completed by Friday, May 22			
Civics NGSSS EOC ²	Civics (NGSSS) EOC – <i>1 session over 1 day</i>	160 minute session	5/22/15

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WEEK ZERO			
Week 0 – Monday, March 2			Last Day to Test
Grade 9-11	FSA Writing – 1 Session	90 minutes (up to 120)	3/13/15
Writing can be administered in any grade level order or simultaneously and ANY student may use up to 120 minutes to complete the test regardless of any IEP/504 accommodation.			
WEEK ONE			
Day 1 – Monday, March 23			Last Day to Test
Teacher Planning Day	Teacher Planning Day	Teacher Planning Day	No Testing
Day 2 – Tuesday, March 24			
Student 1 st day Back	Student 1 st day Back	Student 1 st day Back	No Testing
Day 3 – Wednesday, March 25			
Grades 10R, 11, 12	FCAT Reading Retake – Session 1	½ Day	4/10/15
	FCAT Math Retake	Up to 1 Day	4/10/15
Day 4 – Thursday, March 26			
Grades 10R, 11, 12	FCAT Reading Retake – Session 2	½ Day	4/10/15
	FCAT Math Retake	Up to 1 Day	
Day 5 – Friday, March 27			
Grades 10R, 11, 12	Continue FCAT Retake Testing		4/10/15
WEEK TWO			
Day 6 – Monday, March 30			Last Day to Test
Grades 10R, 11, 12	Continue FCAT Retake Testing		4/10/15
Day 7 – Tuesday, March 31			
Grades 10R, 11, 12	Continue FCAT Retake Testing		4/10/15
Days 8 – Wednesday, April 1			
Alg 1-NGSSS Retakers	Alg 1 (NGSSS) EOC Retake	160 minutes	4/10/15
Grades 10R, 11, 12	Continue FCAT Retake Testing		4/10/15
Days 9 – Thursday, April 2			
Alg 1-NGSSS Retakers	Alg 1 (NGSSS) EOC Retake	160 minutes	4/10/15
Grades 10R, 11, 12	Continue FCAT Retake Testing		4/10/15
Day 10 – Friday, April 3 – No School			
WEEK THREE			
Day 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 – Monday, April 6 – Friday, April 10			Last Day to Test
Alg 1-NGSSS Retakers	Continue Alg Retake Testing	160 minutes	4/10/15
Grades 10R, 11, 12	Continue FCAT Retake Testing		4/10/15
WEEK FOUR			
Day 16 – Monday, April 13			Last Day to Test
Grade 10	FSA ELA Reading – Session 1	90 minutes	5/8/15
Day 17 – Tuesday, April 14			
Grade 10	FSA ELA Reading – Session 2	90 minutes	5/8/15
Day 18, 19, 20 – Wednesday, April 15 – Friday, April 17			
Grade 10	Continue Reading Testing	90 minute sessions	5/8/15

WEEK FIVE			
Day 21 – Monday, April 20			Last Day to Test
Grade 9	FSA ELA Reading – Session 1	90 minutes	5/8/15
Grade 10	Continue Reading Testing	90 minute sessions	5/8/15
Day 22 – Tuesday, April 21			
Grade 9	FSA ELA Reading – Session 2	90 minutes	5/8/15
Grade 10	Continue Reading Testing	90 minute sessions	5/8/15
Day 23, 24, 25 – Wednesday, April 22 – Friday, April 24			
Grade 9, 10	Continue Reading Testing	90 minute sessions	5/8/15
EOC testing may begin 4/20. All EOCs (FSA & NGSSS) can be given in any order or concurrently by school			
FSA EOCs ¹	Alg I/Alg II/ Geo (FSA) EOC – 2 sessions over 2 days	90 minute sessions	5/15/15
NGSSS EOCs ²	Bio/US Hist (NGSSS) EOC – 1 session over 1 day	160 minute session	5/22/15

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WEEK SIX			
Day 26 – Monday, April 27			Last Day to Test
Grade 11	FSA ELA Reading – Session 1	90 minutes	5/8/15
Grade 9, 10	Continue Reading Testing	90 minute sessions	5/8/15
Day 27 – Tuesday, April 28			
Grade 11	FSA ELA Reading – Session 2	90 minutes	5/8/15
Grade 9, 10	Continue Reading Testing	90 minute sessions	5/8/15
Day 28 – Wednesday, April 29			
Grade 9, 10, 11	Continue Reading Testing	90 minute sessions	5/8/15
Day 29 – Thursday, April 30			
Grade 9, 10, 11	Continue Reading Testing	90 minute sessions	5/8/15
Day 30 – Friday, May 1			
Grade 9, 10, 11	Continue Reading Testing	90 minute sessions	5/8/15
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WEEK SEVEN			
Day 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 – Monday, May 4 – Friday, May 8			Last Day to Test
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WEEK EIGHT			
Day 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 – Monday, May 11 – Friday, May 15			Last Day to Test
All FSA EOCs (Alg I/Alg II/Geo) must be completed by Friday, May 15			
FSA EOCs ¹	Alg I/Alg II/ Geo (FSA) EOC – 2 sessions over 2 days	90 minute sessions	5/15/15
NGSSS EOCs ²	Bio/US Hist (NGSSS) EOC – 1 session over 1 day	160 minute session	5/22/15

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WEEK NINE			
Day 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 – Monday, May 18 – Friday, May 22			Last Day to Test
All NGSSS EOCs (Bio/US Hist) must be completed by Friday, May 22			
NGSSS EOCs ²	Bio/US Hist (NGSSS) EOC – 1 session over 1 day	160 minute session	5/22/15

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