

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2015 - 2016 TESTING CALENDAR, GRADES PreK-12
Tentative: December 18, 2015

The calendar will be updated periodically as additional information is obtained about the district, state, national, and international tests administered to the students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

| ADMINISTRATION WINDOW | DESCRIPTION | ABBREVIATION | PARTICIPANTS | MANDATE |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------|--|--------------------|
| July 15 – 23 | <i>Florida Standards Assessments: End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1 CBT*</i> | FSA EOC | Grades 9-12, eligible students | Federal and State |
| | <i>Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1 Retake CBT*</i> | NGSSS EOC | | |
| July 29-30 | <i>Alternative Assessment for Grade 3 Promotion</i> | AAGTP | Grade 3, retained only | State |
| August 24-September 18 | <i>Interim Assessment Tests (Baseline): Science</i> | BIA | Grades 5, 8 | State ¹ |
| August 24-October 7 | <i>Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (Work Sampling System)</i> | FLKRS (WSS) | Kindergarten | State |
| August 24-October 29 | <i>Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading* Assessment Period 1 (AP1)</i> | FAIR-FS | Grades 9-12** | State |
| September/October | <i>Preliminary ACT Test</i> | ACT PLAN | Grade 10, Optional | Nationally Offered |
| September 8 – October 2 | <i>i-Ready Diagnostic Test* (AP1)</i> | i-Ready | Grades K-8** | State ¹ |
| September 8 – October 7 | <i>Florida VPK Assessment (AP1)</i> | VPK | Prekindergarten | State |
| September 14- 25 | <i>Florida Standards Assessments: End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 CBT*</i> | FSA EOC | Grades 6-12, eligible students | Federal and State |
| October 1 – 29 | <i>FITNESSGRAM Pretest</i> | FITNESSGRAM | Grades 4-12, students enrolled in PE courses | District |
| October 5 - 30 | <i>District ELA Writing Test</i> | DWT | Grades 4-10 | District |
| October 5 – November 13 | <i>The Program for International Student Assessment</i> | PISA | Grades 9-10, selected schools | Federal |
| October 12 – 23 | <i>Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts Grade 10 Retake CBT* Writing Component</i> | FSA ELA RETAKE | Grades 10+, 11, 12, eligible students | Federal and State |
| October 12 – 30 | <i>Reading/Listening Component</i> | | | |
| October 12 – 30 | <i>Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test 2.0 Reading Retake CBT*</i> | FCAT 2.0 RETAKE | Grades 10+, 11, 12, eligible students | Federal and State |
| | <i>Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1 Retake, Biology 1, Civics, and US History CBT*</i> | NGSSS EOC | Grades 6-12, eligible students | |
| October 28 | <i>Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test</i> | PSAT / NMSQT | Grade 9, Optional | Nationally Offered |
| | | | Grade 10 | State |
| | | | Grade 11, Optional | Nationally Offered |
| November 2 – February 5 | <i>Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading* Assessment Period 2 (AP2)</i> | FAIR-FS | Grades 9-12** | State |
| November 12 – 13 | <i>Grade 3 Mid-Year Promotion</i> | GTMYP | Grade 3, eligible, retained students | State |
| November 16 – December 18 | <i>Mid-Year Assessments English Language Arts, Mathematics, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry</i> | MYA | Grades 3-10, EOC enrolled students | State ¹ |
| November 30-December 4 | <i>Florida Competency Examination on Personal Fitness</i> | FCEPF | Grades 11, Optional | State |
| November 30-December 18 | <i>Florida Standards Assessments: End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 CBT*</i> | FSA EOC | Grades 6-12, eligible students | Federal and State |
| | <i>Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1 Retake, Biology 1, Civics, and US History CBT*</i> | NGSSS EOC | | |
| January 5 – February 3 | <i>Florida VPK Assessment (AP2)</i> | VPK | Prekindergarten | State |
| January 5 – 29 | <i>i-Ready Diagnostic Test* (AP2)</i> | i-Ready | Grades K-8** | State ¹ |
| January 25 – March 4 | <i>National Assessment of Educational Progress Reading, Mathematics, and Science</i> | NAEP | Grades 4, 8, 12, selected schools | Federal |
| January 26 – May 6 | <i>Grade 3 Reading Student Portfolio</i> | GTRSP | Grade 3 | State |
| January 26 – February 19 | <i>Mid-Year Assessments Science, Biology 1, United States History, and Civics</i> | MYA | Grades 5, 8, EOC enrolled students | State ¹ |
| February 8 – March 25 | <i>ACCESS for ELLs 2.0</i> | ACCESS | Grades K-12, all current ELLs | Federal and State |

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| February 8 – June 3 | <i>Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading* Assessment Period 3 (AP3)</i> | FAIR-FS | Grades 9-12** | State |
| February 29 – March 11 | <i>Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts – Writing Component</i> | FSA | Grades 4-7; and Grades 8-10 CBT* | Federal and State |
| | <i>English Language Arts Grade 10 Retake - Writing Component CBT*</i> | FSA ELA RETAKE | Grades 10+, 11, 12, <i>eligible students</i> | |
| February 29 – April 15 | <i>Florida Standards Alternate Assessment English Language Arts and Mathematics</i> | FSAA | Grades 3-8*** | Federal and State |
| | <i>Writing Field Test</i> | | Grades 4-8***(selected schools) | |
| | <i>Science</i> | | Grade 5 and 8 | |
| March 28 – April 7 | <i>Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts Grade 10 Retake-Reading Component CBT*</i> | FSA ELA RETAKE | Grades 10+, 11, 12, <i>eligible students</i> | Federal and State |
| | <i>Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test 2.0 Reading Retake CBT*</i> | FCAT 2.0 RETAKE | Grades 10+, 11, 12, <i>eligible students</i> | |
| | <i>Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1 Retake CBT*</i> | NGSSS EOC RETAKE | Grades 7-12, <i>eligible students</i> | |
| March 29 – April 7 | <i>Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts</i> | FSA | Grade 3 | Federal and State |
| | <i>Mathematics</i> | | Grades 3 and 4 | |
| April 1 – 29 | <i>FITNESSGRAM Posttest</i> | FITNESSGRAM | Grades 4-12, students enrolled in PE courses | District |
| April 4 – 7 | <i>Stanford Achievement Test, Tenth Edition Reading and Mathematics</i> | SAT-10 | Grades K-2 | District |
| April 4 - 29 | <i>Florida Standards Alternate Assessment English Language Arts and Mathematics</i> | FSAA | Grade 9 and 10*** | Federal and State |
| | <i>Writing Field Test</i> | | Grade 9 and 10***(selected schools) | |
| | <i>End-of-Course Assessments: Algebra 1, Biology 1, and Geometry</i> | | Grade 9-12 enrolled students*** | |
| April 11 – May 6 | <i>Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts CBT*</i> | FSA | Grades 4 – 10 | Federal and State |
| | <i>Mathematics CBT*</i> | | Grades 5 – 8 | |
| April 12 - 22 | <i>Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test 2.0 Science</i> | FCAT 2.0 | Grades 5 and 8 | Federal and State |
| April 18 – May 13 | <i>Florida Standards Assessments: End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 CBT*</i> | FSA EOC | Grades 6-12, <i>eligible students</i> | Federal and State |
| April 18 – May 20 | <i>Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments Biology 1, Civics, and US History CBT*</i> | NGSSS EOC | Grades 6-12, <i>eligible students</i> | Federal and State |
| April 19 – May 16 | <i>Florida VPK Assessment and Teaching Strategies GOLD (TSG) Assessment Period 3 (AP3)</i> | VPK and TSG**** | Prekindergarten | State |
| April 29 – May 20 | <i>International Baccalaureate External Written Examinations</i> | IB | Grades 11-12, <i>enrolled, registered students only</i> | Internationally Offered |
| May 2 – 6 | <i>Florida Competency Examination on Personal Fitness</i> | FCEPF | Grades 11, <i>Optional</i> | State |
| May 2 – 13 | <i>Advanced Placement Exams</i> | AP | Grades 8-12, <i>enrolled, registered students only</i> | Nationally Offered |
| May 2 – June 10 | <i>Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education Examinations</i> | AICE | Grades 10 -12, <i>enrolled, registered students only</i> | Internationally offered |
| May 9 – June 3 | <i>i-Ready Diagnostic Test* (AP3)</i> | i-Ready | Grade K-8** | State ¹ |
| May 31 – June 7 | <i>Alternative Standardized Reading Assessment</i> | ASRA | Grade 3, <i>eligible students</i> | State |

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| TESTS GIVEN ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS | | | |
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| <i>Florida's Postsecondary Education Readiness Test</i> Dual Enrollment Placement, Comparative Score for Algebra 1 EOC | PERT | Grades 10 – 12 | State |
| <i>Aprenda La Prueba de los Logros en Español Segunda Edición</i> Placement decision for Gifted Program, Spanish-speaking ELLs | APRENDA | Grades K-12, <i>eligible ELLs</i> | State |
| <i>The Iowa Tests (Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and Iowa Tests of Educational Development)</i> Placement decisions for Gifted Program ACCEL Option | ITBS/ITED | Grades K-12, <i>eligible students</i> | Federal and State |
| <i>Miami-Dade County Oral Language Proficiency Scale Revised</i> Placement decisions for ESOL Exit ESOL Program- Second Instrument Needed | M-DCOLPS-R | Grade K, <i>eligible students</i> | Federal and State |
| <i>Online Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment</i> Placement decisions for ESOL Extension of services for ESOL Program | On-line CELLA | Grades 1-12, <i>eligible students</i> | Federal and State |
| <i>Industry Certification Examination</i> Federal or state regulatory agency-developed assessment instruments leading to licensure. | ICE | Grades 6-12, <i>eligible enrolled students</i> | Federal and State |

| COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS NATIONALLY OFFERED FOR INTERESTED, REGISTERED STUDENTS | | | |
|---|---|-----------------------|---------------|
| SAT and SAT Subject Test Dates* | | ACT Test Dates | |
| October 3, 2015 | March 5, 2016 (SAT Only) <i>First administration of the redesigned SAT</i> | September 12, 2015 | April 9, 2016 |
| November 7, 2015 | May 7, 2016 | October 24, 2015 | June 11, 2016 |
| December 5, 2015 | June 4, 2016 | December 12, 2015 | |
| January 23, 2016 | | February 6, 2016 | |

*SAT Sunday administrations usually occur the day after each Saturday test date for students who cannot test on Saturday due to religious observance. Students take the current SAT up until January 2016. Starting in March 2016, students will take the redesigned SAT, and the current SAT will no longer be offered.

Notes:

¹District-selected assessment to comply with state and/or federal mandate.

*Designates computer-based testing only, with paper-based accommodations available for eligible students with disabilities.

**The following students in all schools must participate in progress monitoring, as specified in the calendar:

- Grades K-8: i-Ready, all students
- Grades 9-10: FAIR, Levels 1, 2, and 3 (For 2015-16, eligibility is based on Spring 2014 FCAT results)
- Grades 11-12: FAIR, Retake eligible

***Only includes ESE students exempted from standardized testing at these grade levels.

****For 2015-16, Teaching Strategies GOLD (TSG) is required by FLDOE for Assessment Period 3 (AP3) only