

FSA English Language Arts (ELA) Retake

Grades/Students

All eligible students in grades 10+ - 13 and adult education students

Date

The assessment is administered in the Fall and Spring of each school year.

Description

The "Florida Standards Assessments" (FSA) English Language Arts (ELA) Retake serves as the graduation test for students who entered grade 9 in 2013-14 school year and beyond and are pursuing a standard Florida high school diploma. Students in grades 10+ and above who have not previously passed the graduation test administered for the first time in the spring, have further opportunities to participate in retake administrations in the Fall and Spring of each school year.

The FSA ELA graduation test is a standardized, criterion-referenced test. The FSA ELA Retake will assess the Florida Standards and it is offered in computer-based testing format only, with paper-based accommodation for eligible students with an IEP or Section 504 plan. The FSA provides a more authentic assessment of the Florida Standards, because it includes more than multiple choice questions. Students are asked to create graphs, interact with test content and write and respond in different ways than on traditional tests. New question types will assess students' higher-order thinking skills in keeping with the higher expectations of the Florida Standards.

Results

Test results for the new FSA assessments will be reported after September 1. For the first Spring 2015 administration, students' scores on the FSA assessments will be reported as T-Scores (which can range from 20 – 80). Students will also receive percentile rank, which will show how they performed on each grade level/subject area test compared to all other students in Florida who took the same test. After achievement-level cut scores are established, the FLDOE will release 2014-15 FSA retrofitted test results to reflect student performance on the new score scale. A score linked to the grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading assessment was provided to identify students that did not pass the graduation test required for a standard Florida high school diploma. A new FSA ELA scale and a passing score will be established in 2015-16, to be used in subsequent years.

Basis of Test

State Mandate

Website

<http://www.fsassessments.org/>

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