

FSA English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics

Grades/Students

ELA: All students in grades 3-10.

Mathematics: All students in grades 3-8.

Date

The assessments are administered in February-May of each school year.

Description

The “Florida Standards Assessments” (FSA) will replace the FCAT 2.0 exams beginning with the 2014-15 school year. The new assessment will measure each student’s progress and achievement on the Florida Standards.

The following FSA assessments will be administered on the computer with the exception of Grade 3 ELA-Reading, and Grades 3 and 4 Mathematics that will be administered on paper and pencil:

- English Language Arts in Grade 3 includes Reading and Language
- English Language Arts in Grades 4–10 includes Reading, Language, Listening, and a Writing component
- Mathematics in Grades 3–8

The new test will provide a more authentic assessment of the Florida Standards, because it will include more than multiple choice questions. Students will be 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 this 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. For grades 3 and 10 ELA, a score linked to the FCAT 2.0 grade 3 and 10 assessments will be provided. A new FSA ELA and Mathematics scale 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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