

End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment

Components of Algebra 1, Biology 1, Geometry, US History, and Civics

Grades/Students

All students enrolled in the following courses (or equivalent courses) must participate, other eligible students may participate (Algebra 1 retake or for credit acceleration)

- Algebra 1, grades 6-12
- Biology 1, grades 6-12
- Geometry, grades 6-12
- US History, grades 9-12
- Civics, grades 6-8

Date

All EOC assessments are administered in the Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer of each school year.

Description

The EOC assessments are computer-based (CBT), criterion-referenced assessments that measure the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for specific high-school level courses, as outlined in the course description. Students with disabilities may participate in CBT administrations using paper-based accommodations as indicated on their Individual Educational Plan (IEP)s or Section 504 plans.

The EOC assessments were first introduced in May 2011, beginning with Algebra 1; Biology 1 and Geometry were added in 2012, US History in 2013, and Civics is scheduled for full administration in 2014. In the first years of the EOC program the state-mandated use of student's scores changed, based on the student's high school cohort (year the student entered 9th grade). In the 2013-14 school year, students' EOC scores must constitute 30 percent of the final high school course grade for all courses with EOC requirements. In addition, students who started 9th grade in 2011-12 or later must pass the Algebra 1 EOC assessment to receive a standard high school diploma. To receive a "Scholar" designation on the diploma, students must also pass the Biology 1 and US History EOC assessments.

Results

Student, school, district, and state results are reported in June. Test results for the Algebra 1, Biology 1, and Geometry EOC assessments are reported using developmental scale scores which can range from 325 to 475. In addition to the scale scores, results are also reported in terms of Achievement Levels, which can range from Level 1 (low) to Level 5 (high). Achievement Level 3 indicates satisfactory performance (passing score).

A new US History EOC scale will be established this year that will be used in subsequent years. Additionally, students' scores on the Civics EOC assessment will be reported as T-Scores (which can range from 20 – 80) in this first year of administration, with an additional indicator indicating whether the student scored in the low, middle, or high third in comparison to all students participating statewide.

Basis of Test

State mandate.

Website

<http://fcat.fldoe.org/eoc/>

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