

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) Sunshine State Standards (SSS) Component in Reading, Mathematics, and Science

Grades/Students

Reading and Mathematics: All students in grades 3-10.

Science: All students in grades 5, 8, and 11.

Date

Administered in March of each school year.

Description

The FCAT SSS tests in Reading, Mathematics, and Science are standardized, criterion referenced tests. The tests assess student achievement on selected benchmarks, as defined by the Sunshine State Standards.

The FCAT SSS Reading tests include multiple choice, short response, and extended response items in grades 4, 8, and 10. At all other grade levels, the tests consist of only multiple choice items. State law requires that students in grade 3 must score a Level 2 or higher in Reading in order to be promoted to grade 4.

The FCAT SSS Mathematics tests include multiple choice, short response, and extended response items at grades 5, 8, and 10. At all other grade levels the test consists of only multiple choice items. Gridded response items are included in grades 5 – 10. Students in grades 7- 10 use calculators on the Mathematics test.

The FCAT SSS Science tests include multiple choice, short response, and extended response items. Gridded response items are also included in the grades 8 and 11 tests. In addition, students in grades 8 and 11 use calculators on the Science test.

Results

Student, school, district, and state results are reported in May. Scale scores ranging from 100 to 500, performance task scores in grades 4, 8, and 10 in Reading and grades 5, 8, and 10 in Math, and grades 5, 8, and 11 in Science, and content subscores are reported. Developmental scale scores from 0 to 3000 are reported in Reading and Mathematics only. Achievement levels that are based on students' scale scores and reflect levels of student proficiency are also reported. Achievement levels are designated as Level 1 (lowest) to Level 5 (highest).

Basis of Test

State mandate.

Website

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

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