

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) Sunshine State Standards (SSS) Component in Science

Grades/Students

All students in grades 5, 8, and 11.

Date

Administered in March of each year.

Description

The FCAT SSS test in Science is a standardized, criterion referenced test. The test assesses student achievement on selected benchmarks, as defined by the Sunshine State Standards.

The test includes multiple choice, gridded response, short response, and extended response items. Students in grades 8 and 11 are allowed to use calculators.

Results

Student, school, district, and state results are reported in May. Scale scores ranging from 100 to 500 and content cluster scores are reported. The Florida Department of Education will set achievement levels for the 2006 administration.

Basis of Test

State mandate.

Website

<http://www.firn.edu/doe/sas/fcat.htm>

Local Contact

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