

FSA English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics

Grades/Students

ELA: All students in grades 3-11.

Mathematics: All students in grades 3-8.

Date

The assessments are administered in April-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 Grades 3 and 4 that will be administered on paper and pencil:

- English Language Arts in Grades 3–11 to include Reading, Language, and Listening and a Writing component in Grades 4–11
- 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

Spring 2015 FSA results will be reported on the existing FCAT 2.0 scale as FCAT Equivalent Scores because the new scale and Achievement Levels are not available this school year. FCAT Equivalent Scores enable consistent student expectations to be maintained during this transition year. The new FSA score scale and achievement levels will be available in 2015-2016.

Basis of Test

State Mandate

Website

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

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