Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT 2.0) Retake

Grades/Students

All eligible students in grades 10+ - 12 and adult education students.

Date

The assessment is administered in the Fall and Spring of each school year.

Description

The FCAT 2.0 Retake assessment in Reading serves as a graduation test for students who entered grade 9 in the 2012-13 school year or earlier and are pursuing a standard Florida high school diploma. Students in grades 10+ and above who have not previously passed the graduation test administered for the first time in the spring, have further opportunities to participate in retake administrations in the Fall and Spring of each school year.

The FCAT 2.0 graduation test in Reading is a standardized, criterion-referenced test. The FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake will assess the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS). The FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake is offered in computer-based testing format only, with paper-based accommodation for eligible students with an IEP or Section 504 plan. The Reading Retake format of the test includes multiple-choice and gridded-response items only.

The FCAT Mathematics Retake was discontinued in the Spring 2015. Students who entered Grade 9 in the 2009-10 school year or earlier, are pursuing a standard Florida high school diploma, and have not yet passed the Grade 10 FCAT Mathematics must earn a concordant score on the ACT or SAT.

Results

Developmental scale scores (DSS) ranging from 140 to 302 and content cluster scores are reported on the FCAT 2.0 Reading 2.0 scale. 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).

The passing score for the FCAT 2.0 Reading is 245 (the minimum scale score in Achievement level 3) as required for students who entered grade 9 in 2010-11 school year through 2012-13 school year. On the other hand, students who still need to pass the Reading graduation test and entered Grade 9 in 2009-10 or earlier, are eligible for the alternate passing score of 241 (equivalent to 300 in SSS scale). Note that students who entered grade 9 in 2013-14 and beyond are required to pass the new English Language Arts (ELA) Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) that was administered for the first time in Spring 2015.

Basis of Test

State mandate

Website

FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake

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