

# FSA English Language Arts (ELA) 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 "Florida Standards Assessments" (FSA) English Language Arts (ELA) Retake serves as the graduation test for students who entered grade 9 in 2013-14 school year and beyond 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 FSA ELA graduation test is a standardized, criterion-referenced test. The FSA ELA Retake will assess the Florida Standards and it is offered in computer-based testing format only, with paper-based accommodation for eligible students with an IEP or Section 504 plan. The FSA provides a more authentic assessment of the Florida Standards, because it includes more than multiple choice questions. Students are 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

Student, school, district, and state results are reported in May to facilitate graduation decisions for seniors who are scheduled to graduate in June. Results for FSA ELA Retake are reported using scale scores which can range from 284 to 412. 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). Level 3 indicates satisfactory performance.

The passing score for the FSA ELA is 350 (the minimum scale score in Achievement level 3) as required for students who entered grade 9 in 2014-2015 school year and beyond. Any student who took the Grade 10 FSA ELA assessment in 2015 and students who entered grade 9 in 2013-14 (or earlier) are eligible to use an alternate passing score (APS) of 349 (linked to the Spring 2014 FCAT 2.0) for graduation purposes.

## Basis of Test

State Mandate

## Website

[Florida Standards Assessments](#)

## Local Contact

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