

# FSA English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics

## Grades/Students

ELA: All students in grades 3-10.

Mathematics: All students in grades 3-8.

## Date

The assessments are administered in February-May of each school year.

## Description

The "Florida Standards Assessments" (FSA) replaced 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:

- English Language Arts in Grade 3 includes Reading and Language components while Grades 4–10 includes Reading, Language, Listening, and Writing components
- Mathematics in Grades 3–8

Please note that Grade 3 ELA-Reading will transition to computer-based testing in the 2017-18 school year.

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

Student, school, district, and state results are reported in June. Results for ELA and Mathematics are reported using scale scores which can range from 240 to 412 in ELA across Grades 3 through 10 and from 240 to 393 in Mathematics across Grades 3 through 8. 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.

Students who entered Grade 9 in the 2014-2015 school year and beyond must score in Achievement Level 3 or above on the Grade 10 FSA ELA for graduation purposes. Students have multiple opportunities to meet the Grade 10 FSA ELA test requirement prior to graduation, with the first opportunity taking place in the spring of 10<sup>th</sup> Grade. In addition, state law requires that students in grade 3 score a Level 2 or higher in Reading in order to be promoted to grade 4. It should be noted that additional opportunities are provided to students who do not meet the established criteria on these assessments, to be eligible for promotion or graduation.

## Basis of Test

State Mandate

## Website

[Florida Standards Assessments](#)

## Local Contact

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