

End-of-Course Assessments (EOC)

Grades/Students

All students enrolled in the following courses (or equivalent courses) must participate, other eligible students may participate (Algebra 1 retake or for credit acceleration).

- Algebra 1, grades 6-12
- Biology 1, grades 6-12
- Civics, grades 6-8
- Geometry, grades 6-12
- US History, grades 9-12

Date

EOC assessments are administered in the Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer of each school year.

Description

The EOC assessments are computer-based (CBT), criterion-referenced assessments that measure the Florida Standards (FS) or Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) for specific high-school level courses, as outlined in the course description. Students with disabilities may participate in CBT administrations using paper-based accommodations as indicated on their Individual Educational Plan (IEP)s or Section 504 plans.

The EOCs that measure the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) were first introduced in May 2011, beginning with Algebra 1; Biology 1 and Geometry were added in 2012, US History in 2013, and Civics in 2014. In 2015, mathematics EOC assessments measuring the new Florida Standards were introduced, including Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2. The NGSSS Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC assessments are being replaced by the FS-aligned (Florida Standards Assessments or FSA). Note, the NGSSS Algebra 1 Retake EOC continued to be administered through summer 2017 for the cohort of students who initially took the NGSSS course and have not yet passed the assessment required for graduation. Additionally, Algebra 2 was eliminated after the spring 2017 administration due to House Bill 7069 that was signed by the governor in June.

In the first years of the EOC program the state-mandated use of student's scores changed, based on the student's high school cohort (year the student entered 9th grade). Beginning in the 2013-14 school year, students' EOC scores must constitute 30 percent of the final high school course grade for all courses with EOC requirements. In addition, students who started 9th grade in 2011-12 through 2013-14 must pass the NGSSS Algebra 1 EOC assessment to receive a standard high school diploma. On the other hand, students who started 9th grade in 2014-15 and later must pass the new FSA Algebra 1 EOC assessment to receive a standard high school diploma.

Results

Test results for the Biology 1, Civics, and US History EOC assessments are reported using developmental scale scores which can range from 325 to 475. 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). Achievement Level 3 indicates satisfactory performance (passing score).

Test results for the FSA Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC assessments are reported using developmental scale scores which can range from 425 to 575. 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). Achievement Level 3 indicates satisfactory performance (passing score).

The passing score for the FSA Algebra 1 EOC is 497 (the minimum scale score in Achievement level 3) as required for students who took the FSA Algebra 1 EOC in Spring 2016 and beyond. Students who took the assessment in 2015, prior to the adoption of the FSA scale, are eligible to

use an alternate passing score (APS) of 489 (linked to the Spring 2014 NGSSS) for graduation/CAP purposes.

Basis of Test

State mandate

Website

<http://fcat.fldoe.org/eoc/>

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