

2016–2017 Uniform Statewide Assessment Calendar

According to Section 1008.22(7)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.094224, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), each school district must complete this uniform calendar with district-required assessment information, publish the calendar to the district website, and provide it to the department by October 1 of each school year, beginning in 2016–17.

1. Glossary of Assessment Terms

The following glossary includes definitions of assessment terms and explanations of acronyms used throughout this template.

Acronym/Term	Definition
ACCESS for ELLs	Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State (ACCESS) for English Language Learners (ELLs)
Accommodation	Per Rule 6A-1.0943, F.A.C., “Accommodations are defined as adjustments to the presentation of the statewide standardized assessment questions, methods of recording examinee responses to the questions, scheduling for the administration of a statewide standardized assessment to include amount of time for administration, settings for administration of a statewide standardized assessment, and the use of assistive technology or devices to facilitate the student’s participation in a statewide standardized assessment.”
CBT	Computer-Based Test
Diagnostic	Assessments that measure students’ understanding of a subject area or skills base, which allow teachers and educators to evaluate student learning, focusing on strengths and areas of need
District Window	The selected dates within the statewide window during which a district will administer a given assessment
District-Required Assessments	Assessments required by the school district for students in a specific grade or course.
ELA	English Language Arts
EOC	End-of-Course
Evaluative	Assessments that measure student proficiency at selected intervals in order to compare change over time and to compare state-level results.
FAIR	Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading
FLKRS	Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener
Formative	Formative assessments are the formal and informal ways that teachers and students gather and respond to evidence of student learning. Formative assessments are part of teaching in the classroom. Formative assessments will not result in a score that will appear on a student's report card, but they serve the greater purpose of informing both students and teachers on what changes need to happen in classroom instruction to better serve the needs of individual students.
FSA	Florida Standards Assessments
FSAA	Florida Standards Alternate Assessment
Interim	Assessments administered on a smaller scale (i.e., school or district) with results that can be used at the classroom level or aggregated at the school- or district-level. Depending on the design, interim assessments can be used to predict a student’s ability to succeed on a summative assessment, to evaluate a program, or to diagnose student learning gaps.
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress
NGSSS	Next Generation Sunshine State Standards
PBT	Paper-Based Test
Progress Monitoring	Process used to determine whether a student’s academic performance is improving, at what rate it is improving, and how effective instruction has been
PSAT/NMSQT	Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
Summative	Assessments that evaluate student mastery of Florida’s academic standards at or near the conclusion of the course of instruction

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Statewide, Standardized Assessments	All assessments required by s. 1008.22 , Florida Statutes (F.S.)
Statewide Window	The range of dates during which districts and/or schools may choose to administer a given assessment
Testing Time	The amount of time individual students are each given to respond to test items on each test

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2. Test, Type, and Purpose/Use

Test	Type	Purpose/Required Use	Statutory Authority/Required Use Citation
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0	Diagnostic	Measure English language acquisition of ELLs	s. 1003.56, F.S.
Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	Diagnostic	Measure English language acquisition of ELLs with significant cognitive disabilities	Rule 6A-6.0902, F.A.C. Rule 6A-6.0903, F.A.C. Rule 6A-6.09021, F.A.C.
FAIR	Diagnostic/Progress Monitoring	Determine readiness and performance of VPK providers	Rule 6M-8.601, F.A.C.
FLKRS	Diagnostic/Progress Monitoring	Determine readiness for kindergarten; used to calculate VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates	s. 1002.69, F.S. Rule 6M-8.601, F.A.C.
FSA	Summative	Purpose: Measure student achievement of Florida’s academic standards (Florida Standards, Next Generation Sunshine State Standards) Required uses: third grade retention; remedial instruction; high school standard diploma; EOC assessments as 30% of course grade; school grades; school improvement rating; district grades; differentiated accountability; teacher evaluation; scholar designation; federal reporting; Credit Acceleration Program (CAP), school improvement plans; school, district, state, and federal reporting	s. 1008.22, F.S.
FSAA	Summative		Rule 1.09422, F.A.C.
NGSSS EOC Assessments	Summative		Rule 1.0943, F.A.C.
Statewide Science Assessment	Summative		Rule 1.09432, F.A.C. Rule 1.094223, F.A.C. s. 1008.25, F.S. Rule 6A-1.094221, F.A.C. Rule 6A-1.094222, F.A.C. s. 1003.4156, F.S. s. 1003.4282, F.S. s. 1008.34, F.S. Rule 6A-1.09981, F.A.C. s. 1008.341, F.S. Rule 6A-1.099822, F.A.C. s. 1008.33, F.S. Rule 6A-1.099811, F.A.C. s. 1012.34, F.S. s. 1002.38, F.S.
NAEP	Evaluative	Measure student performance for comparison among state and national populations over time	s. 1008.22, F.S.
PreACT	Summative	Inform course placement	s. 1007.35, F.S.
PSAT/NMSQT	Summative	Inform course placement	s. 1007.35, F.S.

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3. Required Statewide Assessments

The following assessments are required for students as indicated in the Students to Be Tested column.

Assessment	Students to Be Tested	Statewide Window	District Window	Mode	Testing Time	Results Expected
FSA ELA – Writing	Grades 6–7	February 27–March 3, 2017	February 27 – March 3	PBT	120 minutes	June 2017
FSA ELA – Writing	Grades 8–10	February 27–March 10, 2017	February 27 – March 10	CBT ¹	120 minutes	June 2017
FSAA	Students with significant cognitive disabilities for whom participation in the general statewide assessment is inappropriate, even with accommodations	February 27–April 28, 2017	February 27 – April 28	PBT/CBT ¹ (based on IEP)	Varies/Untimed	June 2017
FSA ELA – Reading	Grades 6–10	April 10–May 12, 2017	April 10 – May 12	CBT ¹	Grades 4–5 Reading: 160 minutes Grades 6–8 Reading: 170 minutes Grades 9–10 Reading: 180 minutes	June 2017
FSA Mathematics	Grades 6–8	April 10–May 12, 2017	April 10 – May 12	CBT ¹	180 minutes	June 2017
FSA Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 EOC assessments	Students enrolled in associated courses	April 17–May 12, 2017	April 17 – May 12	CBT ¹	180 minutes ²	June 2017
NGSSS Biology 1, Civics, and U.S. History EOC assessments	Students enrolled in associated courses	April 17–May 19, 2017	April 17 – May 19	CBT ¹	160 minutes ²	June 2017
NGSSS Statewide Science Assessment	Grades 5 and 8	May 1–5, 2017	May 1 - 5	PBT	160 minutes	June 2017
FSA Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 EOC assessments	Students enrolled in associated courses	July 10–21, 2017	July 10 - 21	CBT ¹	180 minutes ²	August 2017
NGSSS Biology 1, Civics, and U.S. History EOC assessments	Students enrolled in associated courses	July 10–21, 2017	July 10 - 21	CBT ¹	160 minutes ²	August 2017

¹ Paper-based accommodations (e.g., regular print, large print, braille, one-item-per-page) for computer-based tests are available to eligible students if indicated as an accommodation on an IEP or Section 504 plan.

² Any student taking an EOC assessment who has not completed the session by the end of the allotted time may continue working up to half the length of a typical school day.

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4. Statewide Assessments for SELECT Students

The following assessments are only intended for selected students/students in certain sub-groups.

Assessment	Applicable Students ³	Statewide Window	District Window	Mode	Testing Time	Results Expected
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0	Grades K–12 currently classified as ELL with “LY” code	January 30–March 24, 2017	January 30–March 24, 2017	PBT	Kindergarten: 45 minutes Grades 1–12: 105–245 minutes (varies by grade-level/tier)	May 2017
Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	Grades 1–12 with significant cognitive disabilities and currently classified as ELL with “LY” code	January 30–March 24, 2017	January 30–March 24, 2017	PBT	80 minutes	May 2017
NGSSS Algebra 1 Retake EOC		July 10–21, 2017	July 10–21, 2017	CBT ¹	160 minutes ²	August 2017

¹Paper-based accommodations (e.g., regular print, large print, braille, one-item-per-page) for computer-based tests are available to eligible students if indicated as an accommodation on an IEP or Section 504 plan.

²Any student taking an ELA Retake or EOC assessment who has not completed the session by the end of the allotted time may continue working up to half the length of a typical school day.

³If indicated, “applicable students” relates to the sub-group(s) of students who *may* take that assessment; it does not indicate that all students throughout the state in that sub-group will take that assessment. Assessments for which no applicable student group is listed are available to students as needed but are not limited to any specific sub-group.

⁴The FSA Algebra 1 EOC Assessment is only offered as a separate Retake assessment during the Spring administration; students retaking the FSA Algebra 1 EOC in Fall, Winter, or Summer participate in the regular EOC administration.

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5. District-Required Assessment Information

Assessment	Students to Be Tested	District Window	Mode	Testing Time	Results Expected
iReady Reading and Math	Grades 3-8	August 15 - September 9 December 1 – 16 April 24 – May 23	CBT	70 Minutes each subject	Day after testing
Biology Progress Monitoring	Students enrolled in associated courses	August 23 – September 23 September 23 – October 24 October 24 – November 22 November 30 – December 21 December 14 – January 13 January 23 – February 23 February 21 – March 21 March 15 – April 7 April 7 – May 7	CBT	20 Minutes	Day after testing
Science Progress Monitoring	Grade 8	August 30 – September 30 October 20 – November 18 November 30 – December 21 January 23 – February 23 March 7 – April 7	CBT	20 Minutes	Day after testing
Algebra 1 Progress Monitoring	Students enrolled in associated courses	September 29 – October 5 November 3 – 10 January 24 – February 10 February 27 – March 14 April 13 - 21	CBT	30 Minutes	Day after testing
iReady Reading and Math	Grades K-8	October 3 – 28	CBT	20 Minutes each subject	Day after testing
Civics Progress Monitoring	Students enrolled in associated courses	November 7 – 18 February 6 – 17 April 3 - 21	CBT	60 Minutes	Day after testing
PSAT Testing	Grade 8	January 18	PBT	180 Minutes	May 2017

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6. Estimates of Total Testing Time by Grade Level

Estimates of average time for administering state-required and district-required assessments (listed in Sections 3 and 5 above) by grade level. Subject-based assessments should be included with the grade level to which they are most likely to be administered (e.g., Biology 1 with grade 9).

Grade Level	Statewide Assessments	District Assessments	Approximate Total Testing Time (In Minutes)
6	470	460	930
7	630	640	1270
8	630	560	1190