

2017–2018 Uniform Statewide Assessment Calendar - Middle Schools

1. Glossary of Assessment Terms

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.
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.
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
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

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.
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.
PSAT/NMSQT	Summative	Inform course placement	s. 1007.35, F.S.

3. Required Statewide Assessments

Assessment	Students to Be Tested	Statewide Window	District Window	Mode	Testing Time	Results Expected
FSAA—Datafolio	Students with significant cognitive disabilities for whom participation in the general statewide assessment is inappropriate, even with accommodations	September 2017, November 2017, and February 2018	September 2017, November 2017, and February 2018	PBT/CBT (based on IEP)	Varies/Untimed	June 2018
FSA ELA – Writing	Grades 6–7	March 5-9, 2018	March 5-9, 2018	PBT	120 minutes	June 2018
FSA ELA – Writing	Grades 8–10	March 1-9, 2018	March 1-9, 2018	CBT	120 minutes	June 2018
FSAA—Performance Task	Students with significant cognitive disabilities for whom participation in the general statewide assessment is inappropriate, even with accommodations	February 26–April 13, 2018	February 26-April 13, 2018	PBT/CBT (based on IEP)	Varies/Untimed	June 2018
FSA ELA – Reading	Grades 6–10	April 16–May 11, 2018	April 16-May 11, 2018	CBT	Grades 4–5 Reading: 160 minutes Grades 6–8 Reading: 170 minutes Grades 9–10 Reading: 180 minutes	June 2018
FSA Mathematics	Grades 6–8	April 16–May 11, 2018	April 16-May 11, 2018	CBT	Grades 3–5 Mathematics: 160 minutes Grades 6–8 Mathematics: 180 minutes	June 2018
FSA Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 EOC assessments	Students enrolled in associated courses	April 16–May 11, 2018	April 16-May 11, 2018	CBT	180 minutes	June 2018
NGSSS Biology 1, Civics, and U.S. History EOC assessments	Students enrolled in associated courses	April 16–May 11, 2018	April 16-May 11, 2018	CBT	160 minutes	June 2018
NGSSS Statewide Science Assessment	Grades 8	April 30–May 4, 2018	April 30-May 4, 2018	PBT	160 minutes	May 2018
FSA Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 EOC assessments	Students enrolled in associated courses	July 9–20, 2018	July 9-20, 2018	CBT	180 minutes	August 2018

NGSSS Biology 1, Civics, and U.S. History EOC assessments	Students enrolled in associated courses	July 9–20, 2018	July 9-20, 2018	CBT	160 minutes	August 2018
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4. Statewide Assessments for SELECT Students

Assessment	Applicable Students ⁴	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 28–March 23, 2018	January 28-March 23, 2018	PBT	Kindergarten: 45 minutes Grades 1–12: 105–245 minutes (varies by grade-level/tier)	May 2018
Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	Grades 1–12 with significant cognitive disabilities and currently classified as ELL with “LY” code	January 28–March 23, 2018	January 28-March 23, 2018	PBT	80 minutes	May 2018

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 14-September 22 December 1-15 April 23-May 22	CBT	70 Minutes for each subject	Day after testing
Science Progress Monitoring	Grade 6	Tests will close one month after the window opens. Tests Open: Unit 1: August 23 Unit 2: October 5 Unit 3: December 15 Unit 4: February 14 Unit 5: March 8 Unit 6: May 18	CBT	20 Minutes	Day after testing
Science Progress Monitoring	Grade 7	Tests will close one month after the window opens. Tests open: Unit 1: September 7 Unit 2: September 21 Unit 3: October 5 Unit 4: November 6 Unit 5: December 15 Unit 6: January 24 Unit 7: March 8 Unit 8: May 18		20 Minutes	Day after testing
Science Progress Monitoring	Grade 8	Tests will close one month after the window opens. Tests open: Unit 1: September 14 Unit 2: October 16 Unit 3: December 8 Unit 4: January 31 Unit 5: March 8	CBT	20 Minutes	Day after testing

Biology Progress Monitoring	Students enrolled in associated courses	Tests will close one month after the window opens. Tests Open: Unit 1: August 23 Unit 2: September 21 Unit 3: October 23 Unit 4: November 21 Unit 5: December 1 Unit 6: December 15 Unit 7: January 24 Unit 8: February 14 Unit 9: March 15 Unit 10: April 6	CBT	20 Minutes	Day after testing
Algebra 1 Progress Monitoring	Students enrolled in associated courses	September 25-October 12 December 4-22 February 26-March 15	CBT	30 Minutes	Day after testing
iReady Reading and Math	Grades K-8	October 2-27	CBT	20 for each subject	Day after testing
Civics Progress Monitoring	Students enrolled in associated courses	October 2-13 December 11-22 March 1-15	CBT	60 Minutes	Day after testing
PSAT Testing	Grade 8	October 11, 2017	PBT	180 Minutes	May 2018

6. Estimates of Total Testing Time by Grade Level

Grade Level	Statewide Assessments	District Assessments	Approximate Total Testing Time (In Minutes)
6	470	580	1050
7	630	800	1430
8	630	740	1370