



# 2020–21 Florida Statewide End-of-Course Assessments Fact Sheet

## Florida Statewide End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments Overview

This fact sheet provides information about the Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC assessments that measure student achievement of the <u>Florida Standards</u> and the Civics, Biology 1, and U.S. History EOC assessments that measure student achievement of the <u>Next Generation Sunshine State Standards</u> (NGSSS), as outlined in their <u>course</u> <u>descriptions</u>. For information on grade-level assessments in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science assessments, see the <u>2020–21 Florida Statewide Grade-Level Assessments Fact Sheet</u>.

## Florida EOC Assessments—Students to Be Tested

All students enrolled in and completing one of the courses in Table 1 must participate in the appropriate assessment.

| Assessment | Course   |
|------------|--|
| Algebra 1  | Algebra 1 – 1200310                                |
|            | Algebra 1 Honors – 1200320                         |
|            | Algebra 1-B – 1200380                              |
|            | Pre-AP Algebra 1 – 1200386                         |
|            | Pre-AICE Mathematics 1 – 1209810                   |
|            | IB Middle Years Program/Algebra 1 Honors – 1200390 |
| Geometry   | Geometry – 1206310                                 |
|            | Geometry Honors – 1206320                          |
|            | IB Middle Years Program Geometry Honors – 1206810  |
|            | Pre-AICE Mathematics 2 – 1209820                   |
| Biology 1  | Biology 1 – 2000310                                |
|            | Biology 1 Honors – 2000320                         |
|            | Pre-AICE Biology IGCSE Level – 2000322             |
|            | Biology Technology – 2000430                       |
|            | Florida's PreIB Biology 1 – 2000800                |
|            | IB Middle Years Program Biology – 2000850          |
|            | Integrated Science 3 – 2002440                     |
|            | Integrated Science 3 Honors – 2002450              |

#### Table 1. Florida EOC Assessment Corresponding Course List



| Assessment   | Course  |
|--------------|---|
| Civics       | M/J Civics – 2106010  |
|              | M/J Civics – 2106015  |
|              | M/J Civics & Career Planning – 2106016  |
|              | M/J Civics, Advanced – 2106020  |
|              | M/J Civics, Advanced – 2106025  |
|              | M/J Civics, Advanced & Career Planning – 2106026                                  |
|              | M/J Civics and Digital Technologies – 2106029                                     |
|              | M/J U.S. History & Civics – 2100045   |
|              | M/J IB Middle Years Program Civics Advanced – 2106027                             |
|              | M/J IB Middle Years Program Civics Advanced & Career Planning – 2106028           |
| U.S. History | United States History – 2100310   |
|              | United States History Honors – 2100320  |
|              | Visions and Countervisions: Europe, U.S. and the World from 1848 Honors – 2100480 |

In addition, the following students are eligible to participate in Florida's EOC assessments:

- Students who need to retake an assessment for graduation purposes.
- Students who have not yet taken an assessment to be averaged as 30% of their course grades.
- Students who are in grade forgiveness programs and wish to retake an assessment to improve their course grades.
- Students who need to earn a passing score for a standard diploma with a Scholar designation (Geometry, Biology 1, and U.S. History only).
- Students in a credit acceleration program (CAP) who wish to take the assessment to earn course credit (may apply to all subjects except for Civics).

In accordance with <u>section 1008.22(3)(b)2.</u>, Florida Statutes, middle grades students will not be tested on both a grade-level mathematics assessment and a mathematics EOC assessment. Middle grades students enrolled in Algebra 1 or Geometry must take the corresponding EOC assessment, not the grade-level mathematics assessment. Likewise, middle grades students may not be tested on both the Statewide Science Assessment and the Biology 1 EOC assessment. Students enrolled in Biology 1 must take the EOC assessment, not the Grade 8 Science assessment.

## **Test Administration Schedule**

For a full schedule of Florida EOC assessments, see the <u>2020–2021 Statewide Assessment Schedule</u>. Flexibility will be offered this year based on district shifts in school year calendars.

## **Test Administration Information**

- Florida's EOC assessments are delivered via a computer-based test (CBT) platform called the Test Delivery System.
- Paper-based versions (regular print, large print, braille, and one-item-per-page) of CBT assessments are provided for students with disabilities who cannot access assessments on the computer as specified in their Individual Educational Plans (IEP) or Section 504 Plans.
- CBT accommodations (e.g., text-to-speech) are available for students whose IEPs or Section 504 Plans indicate these accommodations.
- The Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC assessments are administered in two 90-minute sessions over two days. Any student not finished by the end of each 90-minute session may continue working for up to half the length of a typical school day.



- The Civics, Biology 1, and U.S. History EOC assessments are administered in one 160-minute session with a 10-minute break after the first 80 minutes. Any student not finished by the end of the 160-minute session may continue working for up to the length of a typical school day.
- The **Test Design Summary** provides a map or blueprint for how each assessment is designed. The summaries show the possible number of items, item types, standards assessed within each reporting category, and the representation of each category, in percentages, on the test.
  - o Algebra 1 and Geometry: FSA Mathematics Test Design Summary and Blueprint
  - Civics, Biology 1, and U.S. History: <u>NGSSS Test Design Summary</u>
- For Algebra 1, Geometry, and Biology 1, students are provided <u>CBT Work Folders</u> for each session.
- For the Civics and U.S. History EOC assessments, students are provided with a two-page <u>CBT Worksheet</u>.
- The <u>Calculator and Reference Sheet Policies for Florida Statewide Assessments</u> document provides more information regarding calculator and reference sheet policies for all assessments. Policies related to EOC assessments include the following:
  - For Session 2 only of the Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC assessments, a scientific calculator is provided as part of the CBT platform. The calculator is available for practice on the <u>Florida</u> <u>Statewide Assessments Portal</u>.
  - For Biology 1, students are provided with a four-function calculator and Periodic Table of the Elements in the CBT platform.

# Practice Tests

- Practice test materials allow teachers, parents/guardians, and students to become familiar with the various item types that will be encountered on the EOC assessments, as well as the system, functionality and tools on the online platform.
- Computer-based and paper-based practice tests and answer keys for each assessment, as well as paperbased test item practice handouts, are available on the <u>Portal Practice Test</u> page. For resources to better understand the standards to which the assessments are aligned, please visit <u>CPALMS</u>.
- Students participate in a CBT practice test session at their schools prior to testing unless they are retaking an assessment.
- Districts may order paper-based large print, one-item-per-page, or braille practice materials for students participating with these accommodations.

# **Achievement Levels and Scale Scores**

Student performance on Florida's statewide assessments is categorized into five achievement levels. Table 2 provides information regarding student performance at each achievement level; this information is provided on student reports so that students, parents, and educators may interpret student results in a meaningful way.

# Table 2. Achievement Levels

| Level 1  | Level 2  | Level 3   | Level 4   | Level 5  |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| Inadequate:<br>Highly likely to<br>need substantial<br>support for the<br>next grade | Below Satisfactory:<br>Likely to need<br>substantial support<br>for the next grade | Satisfactory:<br>May need<br>additional support<br>for the next grade | Proficient:<br>Likely to excel in<br>the next grade | Mastery:<br>Highly likely to<br>excel in the next<br>grade |

Achievement Level Descriptions further specify what students should know and be able to do in each grade level and subject as indicated in the applicable standards and can be found at the links below:

o <u>FSA Achievement Level Descriptions</u> (Algebra 1 and Geometry)



o <u>NGSSS Achievement Level Descriptions</u> (Civics, Biology 1, and U.S. History)

Achievement level scale score ranges for Florida's statewide assessments are adopted by the State Board of Education as represented by <u>State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.09422</u>, Florida Administrative Code. The lowest score in Level 3 is the passing score for each assessment. The table below shows the score ranges for each achievement level on the applicable score scale.

| Assessment                                   |              | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3         | Level 4 | Level 5 |
|--|--------------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| FSA EOC Assessment<br>Scale Scores (425–575) | Algebra 1    | 425–486 | 487–496 | <b>497</b> –517 | 518–531 | 532–575 |
| for Each<br>Achievement Level                | Geometry     | 425–485 | 486–498 | <b>499</b> –520 | 521–532 | 533–575 |
| NGSSS EOC Assessment                         | Biology 1    | 325–368 | 369–394 | <b>395</b> –420 | 421–430 | 431–475 |
| Scale Scores (325-475)<br>for Each           | Civics       | 325–375 | 376–393 | <b>394</b> –412 | 413–427 | 428–475 |
| Achievement Level                            | U.S. History | 325–377 | 378–396 | <b>397</b> –416 | 417–431 | 432–475 |

#### Table 3. EOC Scale Scores for Each Achievement Level

#### Additional Information

- For more information about graduation requirements related to EOC assessments, including information about earning a standard diploma with a Scholar designation, as well as comparative score and alternate passing score information, please see <u>Graduation Requirements for Statewide Assessments</u>.
- For more information on student reports, reporting categories and achievement levels, please see <u>Understanding Florida Statewide Assessment Reports</u>.
- The <u>Statewide Assessment Program Information Guide</u> describes the processes involved in developing, administering, and scoring the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) and NGSSS assessments.
- For more information on the standard-setting process, please visit the <u>Standard Setting</u> page on the Florida Department of Education website.
- Students with an IEP or Section 504 Plan, as well as English Language Learners (ELLs), may be eligible for allowable accommodations on statewide assessments. For more information about accommodations, please see the <u>Accommodations Guide</u>.

Please visit the <u>FDOE website</u> and the <u>Florida Statewide Assessments Portal</u> for more information about the statewide assessment program.

