

Testing Task Force Recommendations

1. Number of Assessments

- a. All state required assessments per grade level status and/or course selection.
- b. Kindergarten: Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS)
- c. Grades K-3: Discovery Education assessment twice each year for English language arts and twice each year for math
- d. Grades 2-5: one combined exam for physical education (PE), music and art
- e. Grades 6-12:
 - i. One common final exam in each course not covered by a state or 3rd party assessment (AICE, AP, IB, etc.)
 - ii. A midterm exam at the conclusion of the first semester for all yearlong courses. A common midterm will be provided in selected core courses. (English, math, science, social studies, world languages)
- f. Accommodations based upon individual student education plans

2. Impact on Instruction (Logistics)

- a. State required assessments will continue to be administered per state guidelines
- b. Only one midterm and one cumulative final exam per middle and high school course
- c. The format of the district required exams will be computer-based or paper/pencil (as available) depending on which option offers the least disruption
- d. Midterms and final exams will be contained to the final ten days of the semester

3. Alignment to Instruction

- a. The SJCS D will develop and implement a process for continuous review and improvement of blueprints and test items for each district required final exam

4. Impact on Students for District Required Assessments

- a. Elementary School
 - i. Discovery Education assessments and art, music & PE final exam = 0 %
- b. Middle School Courses
 - i. Midterm exam = 5% of the semester grade
 - ii. District final exam = 5% of semester grade
- c. High School Courses
 - i. Midterm exam = 10% of the semester grade
 - ii. District common final exam = 10% of semester grade

5. Communication

- a. Each school will post a calendar and include the following information for all required assessments (state, district and school-based):
 - i. Purpose
 - ii. Target audience
 - iii. Length/format (computer-based or paper/pencil)
 - iv. Method of distribution for results
- b. Parent information meetings offered at various locations throughout the county

2015-2016 Assessments by Grade Level

KINDERGARTEN-FIRST GRADE:

- Kindergarten Only – Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS)
- Discovery Education assessments in English language arts and math will be administered in the fall and spring of each year

Eliminated:

District required science, social studies, art, music and physical education End of Course (EOC) Exams

SECOND GRADE

- Discovery Education assessments in English language arts and math will be administered in the fall and spring of each year
- Single, common final exam to include art, music and physical education

Eliminated:

District required science and social studies EOC exams

Two district required resource exams

THIRD GRADE

- Discovery Education assessments in English language arts and math will be administered in the fall and spring of each year
- Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) in English language arts and math
- Single, common final exam to include art, music and physical education

Eliminated:

District required science and social studies EOC exams

Two district required resource exams

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE

- Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) for English language arts (separate writing component) and math
- Grade 5 Science FCAT
- Single, common final exam to include art, music and physical education

Eliminated:

District required science and social studies EOC exams

Two district required resource exams

GRADES 6-8

- Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) English language arts (separate writing component) and math
- Grade 7 Civics State EOC

- Grade 8 Science FCAT
- Other state EOCs and/or program-based third party exams (ex: alg. 1, industry certification)
- Final exam for courses not addressed through previously stated assessments
- Midterm exams for all yearlong courses

Eliminated:

District required 1st and 3rd quarter District Formative Assessments (DFA)

GRADES 9-12

- Grades 9 & 10 FSA assessment in English language arts (separate writing component)
- State developed EOCs (algebra 1, geometry, algebra 2, biology, American history)
- Program based third party exams (ex: industry certification, AP, IB, AICE, dual enrollment, etc.)
- Midterm exams for all yearlong courses
- Final exams for courses not addressed though previously stated assessments

Eliminated:

District required 1st and 3rd quarter DFAs

Grade 11 state required Post-Secondary Education Readiness Test (PERT)

Grade 11 state required FSA English language arts

Classroom teachers at all grade levels will continue to have discretion on using a variety of assessments as they deem appropriate for progress monitoring and to inform instruction.