

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/Algebra 2/Biology 1/Geometry	All eligible students in grades 6-12
US History	All eligible students in grades 9-12
Civics	All eligible students in grades 6-8

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 or Next Generation Sunshine State Standards 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 EOC assessments 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. The transition from EOCs that measure the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards to the new Florida Standards is occurring in Spring 2015.

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 or later must pass the Algebra 1 EOC assessment to receive a standard high school diploma.

Results

Test results for the Algebra 1, Biology 1, Geometry, 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). A new Civics EOC scale will be established in 2014; and new scales for the FSA assessments will be established in 2015-16.

Basis of Test

Federal and state mandates.

Website

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

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