

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT/FCAT 2.0) Retake

Grades/Students

All eligible students in grades 10+ - 13 and adult education students

Date

The assessments are administered in the Fall and Spring of each school year.

Description

The FCAT/FCAT 2.0 Retake assessments in Reading and Mathematics serve as graduation tests for students seeking a standard diploma. The FCAT/FCAT 2.0 graduation tests are administered for the first time to all students in grade 10 in the Spring. Students in grades 10+ and above who have not previously passed the FCAT/FCAT 2.0 graduation test(s) have further opportunities to participate in retake administrations in the Fall and Spring of each school year.

The FCAT/FCAT 2.0 graduation tests in Reading and Mathematics are standardized, criterion-referenced tests. The FCAT Mathematics Retake assesses student achievement on selected benchmarks, as defined by the Sunshine State Standards (SSS), while the FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake will assess the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS).

For the 2014-15 school year, the FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake and the FCAT SSS Mathematics Retake will be offered in computer-based testing format only, with paper-based accommodation for eligible students. However, the FCAT SSS Mathematics Retake will no longer be administered to students beginning in the 2015-16 school year. Students will have to meet concordant scores on the ACT or SAT Mathematics test.

For students who are retaking one or both portions of the Reading and Mathematics tests in grades 10+ and above, the Retake format of the tests includes multiple-choice and gridded-response items only. Students may use calculators on the FCAT SSS Mathematics Retake test.

Results

Scale scores (SS) ranging from 100 to 500, developmental scale scores (DSS) from 0 to 3000, and content cluster scores are reported on the Mathematics SSS scale; and developmental scale scores (DSS) from 140 to 302 and content cluster scores are reported on the Reading 2.0 scale. Achievement levels that are based on students' scale scores and reflect levels of student proficiency are also reported on both scales. Achievement levels are designated as Level 1 (lowest) to Level 5 (highest).

Beginning with the graduating class of 2004 and up to 2013, the required passing scores for graduation are concordant score of 241 (equivalent to 300 in SSS scale) or 245 (required for graduating class 2014 and thereafter) in the Reading 2.0 scale. The graduation requirement of FCAT Math is a 300 for students that entered grade 9 in 2009-10 and earlier. The Mathematics will be discontinued with the graduating class of 2014 and replaced with end-of-course assessments to earn course credit for specific courses. For students who enter grade 9 in the 2010-11 school year and thereafter, the FCAT 2.0 Reading passing score required for high school graduation or for course credit is the minimum scale score in Achievement level 3.

Basis of Test

State mandate

Website

<http://fcat.fldoe.org/>

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