

FLORIDA STATUTE 1008.22: STUDENT ASSESSMENT

The Florida Standards Assessments (FSAs) and Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) are state mandated assessments used to measure student achievement of the Florida Standards for English/Language Arts and Mathematics, and the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for Science.

Florida's statewide assessment program is designed to provide parents, teachers, policy makers, and the general public with information regarding how well students are learning Florida's academic standards. *According to section 1008.22(3), Florida Statutes*, "Participation in the assessment program is mandatory for all school districts and all students attending public schools, including adult students seeking a standard high school diploma under s. [1003.4282](#) and students in Department of Juvenile Justice education programs, except as otherwise provided by law. If a student does not participate in the assessment program, the school district must notify the student's parent and provide the parent with information regarding the implications of such non-participation." If you wish to access this legislation, please go to http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=1000-1099/1008/Sections/1008.22.html.

2016 Testing Schedule

FSA Writing (Grades 4 and 5)

- Tuesday, March 1

FSA Reading (Grade 3) and Math (Grades 3 and 4)

- Wednesday, March 30 -- Grade 3 Reading Session 1
- Thursday, March 31 -- Grade 3 Reading Session 2
- Monday, April 4 -- Grades 3 and 4 Math Session 1
- Tuesday, April 5 -- Grades 3 and 4 Math Session 2

FSA Reading (Grades 4 and 5), Math (Grade 5) and NGSSS Science (Grade 5)

- Monday, April 11 -- Grade 4 Reading Session 1 | Grade 5 Science Session 1
- Tuesday, April 12 -- Grade 4 Reading Session 2 | Grade 5 Science Session 2
- Monday, April 18 -- Grade 5 Reading Session 1
- Tuesday, April 19 -- Grade 5 Reading Session 2
- Wednesday, April 20 -- Grade 5 Math Session 1
- Thursday, April 21 -- Grade 5 Math Session 2

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

Electronic Devices -- Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones and smart-phones, at any time during testing OR during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if they are turned off and students do not use them**. If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated.

Testing Rules Acknowledgment -- All FSA tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads, "I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated." Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing below the statement on their ELA Writing planning sheet, ELA Reading worksheet, and/or their Mathematics work folder.

Discussing Test Content after Testing -- The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states, "After the test, you may not reveal details about the passages or items to anyone. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting on-line, for example, on websites like Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram." Please make sure your student understands that "discussing" test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to blogs or social media websites.

Test Invalidations -- Students are responsible for working on their own during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. FDOE employs a test security company, Caveon Test Security, to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student results within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.

Leaving Campus -- If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (for lunch, an appointment, or illness, etc.), he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete the test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.

For more information about the FSA assessment program and sample test items, please visit the FSA Portal at www.FSAssessments.org. Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.