

Florida K-12 Statewide Assessments

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Jacksonville Public Education Fund Mission Statement

The Jacksonville Public Education Fund is an independent nonprofit organization that works to connect research with civic voice to bring about unified action in support of universally high-quality public schools for all children in Duval County.



Belief Statement: Testing

Standardized testing is necessary to ensure that all students are being fully and equally educated. We believe that testing should be used to identify areas where students need support and should not overburden instructional time.



Purpose of Student Assessment Program in Florida

- Assess the achievement level and annual learning gains of each student in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics and the achievement level in all other subjects assessed.
- Provide data for making decisions regarding school accountability, recognition, and improvement of operations and management.

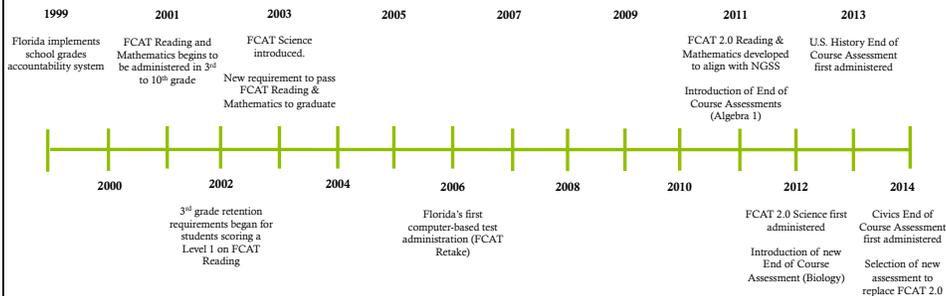


Purpose of Student Assessment Program in Florida

- Identify the educational strengths and needs of students and the readiness of students to be promoted to the next grade level or to graduate from high school.
- Assess how well educational goals and curricular standards are met at the school, district, state, national, and international levels.
- Provide information to aid in the evaluation and development of educational programs and policies.



History of Florida K-12 Assessment



Required Florida Statewide Assessments

FCAT 2.0

Reading Mathematics Writing Science

End of Course Assessments

Algebra 1 Biology Civics Geometry U.S. History



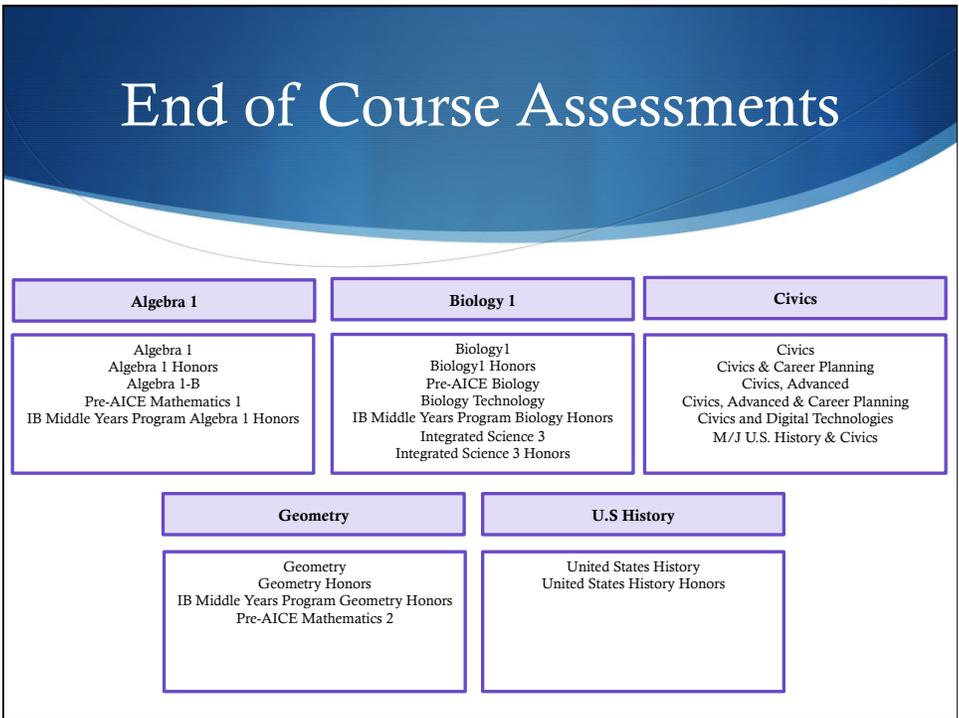
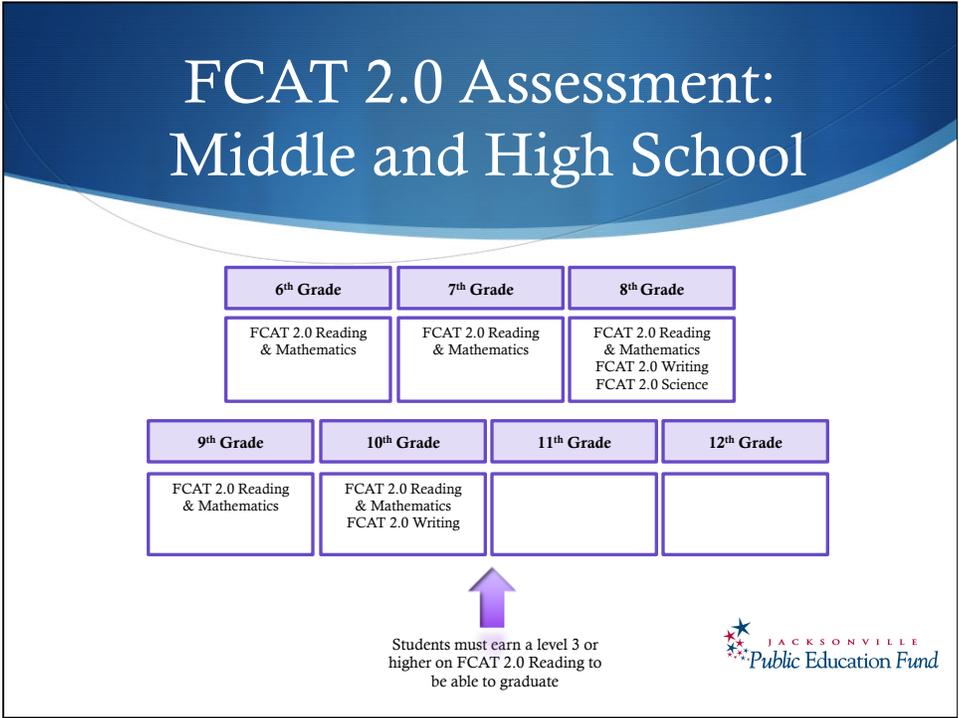
FCAT 2.0 Assessment: Elementary School

| Kindergarten | 1 st Grade | 2 nd Grade | 3 rd Grade | 4 th Grade | 5 th Grade |
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| | | | FCAT 2.0 Reading & Mathematics | FCAT 2.0 Reading & Mathematics FCAT 2.0 Writing | FCAT 2.0 Reading & Mathematics FCAT 2.0 Science |



3rd grade students must earn a level 2 or higher on FCAT 2.0 Reading to be promoted





End of Course Assessments

- Administered four times throughout the school year
 - Fall, winter, spring, and summer
- Computer-based assessments
- For students entering 9th grade since the year 2011-2012, the Algebra 1 End of Course assessment must be passed in order for the student to graduate



Other Statewide Assessments

- Florida Alternative Assessment
- Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screening (FLKRS)
- Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment (CELLA)
- National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
- College Readiness Exams: ACT/SAT/PERT



Requirements for Promotion and Graduation

- Grade 3 Promotion
 - Achievement Level 2 or higher on FCAT 2.0 Reading
- High School Graduation
 - Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading – Score 245 (Level 3) or above
 - Algebra 1 End of Course Assessment – Score 399 or above
 - Other options:
 - Retakes of FCAT 2.0 Reading & Algebra 1 EOC assessment
 - Concordant scores on ACT/SAT or comparative scores on Postsecondary Education Reading Test (PERT)



Statewide Assessment Performance



For more information on how our students in Duval County are performing on state assessments, visit schoolfactsjax.org.

Transition to New Assessment

- As part of this transition to the new Florida standards, the state will be phasing out the FCAT 2.0 and replacing it with a new assessment aligned with the new, more rigorous standards.
- The new assessment will likely focus less on multiple choice responses and focus more on encouraging critical thinking.



Transition to New Assessment: Considerations

- Timely and informative reporting
- Costs similar to current assessment costs
- Testing time not significantly different from current schedule
- Measures student mastery in a way that is comparable to other states
- Test quality metrics are as rigorous as current assessments
- Provides results in conjunction with Florida's accountability system
- Technology parameters defined and supported



Transition to New Assessment: Timeline

- Florida withdrew from its role as a fiscal agent for PARCC Governing Board and opening the application process to other providers for the new assessment.
- October 2013 – Invitation to negotiate
- December 2013 – Five applications received
- Review of applications
- Negotiations
- March 2014 – Commissioner will select new assessment

