



Attention:
Important updates regarding state mandated EOC Assessments for students enrolled in Florida Virtual School

2016-17 School Year

Dear Florida Virtual School Parent/Guardian,

During the 2013 legislative session, Governor Scott signed into law Senate Bill 1076, which continued the state mandated End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments. It also authorized a new standard diploma with designation options for public school students. Depending on the diploma option chosen by the public school student, the EOC Assessment requirements may vary. In addition, the Florida Standards in Mathematics and English Language Arts were approved by the State Board of Education in February 2014 and were implemented during the 2014-2015 school year. **Please read this document carefully and in its entirety to understand this important information.**

The End-of-Course Assessments will have four test administrations (fall, winter, spring, and summer). The statewide testing calendar can be found on the Florida Department of Education website: <http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-7514/dps-2015-175a.pdf>. ***Please note that your zoned district selects the exact testing dates and may have specific rules and policies to follow. State mandated EOC Assessments are administered face-to-face at a school/testing center. These assessments are not online- FLVS does not administer the EOC Assessments.***

The FSA EOC courses, which include Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II, will be tested on the Florida Standards. The NGSSS EOC courses, which include Biology, US History and M/J Civics, will be tested on the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. Please discuss with your school counselor how these assessment results will affect your final grades (results count for 30%, recalculated by school/district) and graduation requirements.

All EOC Assessments will be delivered via a computer-based testing platform at the students' testing location designated by the zoned district (either the school of enrollment/zoned school or a testing center).

Any students taking an NGSSS EOC Assessment will be required to complete a practice test (ePAT) prior to taking the EOC Assessments. Students must take an ePAT for each EOC Assessment they are taking. Click here to access the required ePAT:
<http://www.pearsonaccess.com/cs/Satellite?c=Page&childpagename=Florida/flPALPLLayout&cid=1205461226846&page=flPALPWrapper>.

Any students taking an FSA EOC Assessment must take the practice test prior to testing. Students can visit the FSA Portal at <http://fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/> to access the practice tests.

Failure to take the ePAT or practice test may result in the student being denied the ability to test. These tests will provide students an opportunity to understand the computer functionality and tools they will use during testing.

Public School Students:

Students enrolled in an EOC course are required to participate in EOC Assessments based on Florida Statute S.1008.22(3)(b). This applies to the following high school courses: **Algebra I, Biology I, Geometry, Algebra II, US History,** and the **middle school Civics course.**

Students should contact their school counselor to be sure that all graduation requirements are being met according to the student's chosen diploma option.



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***Home Education Students:**

Students enrolled in an EOC course may choose to participate in EOC Assessments. Please contact your district home education office for further information well in advance of a test administration. ***Please note that some test administrations may have testing restrictions and/or specific rules or policies to follow. Students should have an official photo ID for EOC testing.***

***Private School Students:**

Students enrolled in an EOC course may participate in EOC Assessments **if permitted** by the student's school district. Private school students who wish to participate in EOC testing should speak with their private school counselor or principal. They will follow the district's policies regarding testing private school students.

Private school students who are under the McKay or Florida Tax Scholarships may participate in EOC Assessments. Please contact your private school counselor or principal for directions. ***Please note that some test administrations may have testing restrictions and/or specific rules or policies to follow. Students should have an official photo ID for EOC testing.***

****Any home education or private school students planning to enter a public school at a future date should contact the public school district for information about EOC/graduation requirements prior to enrolling.***

Please note that accommodations will be provided for students with documented IEP or 504 Plans on file with their zoned school district. Please confirm the school has the necessary information with advanced notice prior to test day.

How can I help my student prepare?

- Visit www.flvs.net/EOC to access various EOC resources to prepare for EOC Assessments (both Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and Florida Standards).
- NGSSS EOC Test Participants: Visit the website to take the ePAT: <http://www.pearsonaccess.com/cs/Satellite?c=Page&childpagename=Florida/flPALPLLayout&cid=1205461226846&pagename=flPALPWrapper> . It is a requirement to take the practice test before taking the NGSSS EOC Assessment. This practice test will help your student gain familiarity with the test functionality and tools.
- FSA EOC Test Participants: Visit the website to take the practice test: <http://fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>. It is a requirement to take the practice test before taking the FSA EOC Assessment. This practice test will help your student gain familiarity with the test functionality and tools.
- Students taking an EOC course with FLVS: Contact your FLVS instructor for access to Shmoop EOC test preparation materials.
- Students can attend EOC review sessions hosted by FLVS instructors. Information provided by the FLVS instructor.
- Visit the Florida Department of Education's websites <http://fcats.fldoe.org/eoc> and www.fsassessments.org/ to access information provided by the Department of Education regarding the FSA and NGSSS EOC Assessments.

Please contact the FLVS Accountability & Assessment Team at testing@flvs.net or your school counselor with any questions regarding EOC Assessments.

Sincerely,
The FLVS Accountability & Assessment Team