



Attention:
Important information regarding statewide EOC assessments for students enrolled in Florida Virtual School

2019-20 School Year

Dear Florida Virtual School Parent/Guardian,

Statewide End-of-Course (EOC) assessments are administered to students enrolled in the following courses:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Biology 1
- Civics
- U.S. History

Public School Students

Public school students enrolled in an EOC course **are required** to participate in EOC assessments. Per statute, the results of the assessment must constitute 30% of the student's final grade. Further, certain EOC assessments are required for graduation. To view the *Graduation Requirements for Florida's Statewide Assessments*, see: <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7764/urlt/GradRequireFSA.pdf>. Please note that EOC scores are returned to your student's school of record, not to FLVS.

Home Education Students

Home Education students enrolled in an EOC course may choose to participate in EOC assessments; however, they are not mandatory and do not count as a portion of the student's final course grade. **Please contact your district home education office** for further information about EOC assessments and/or graduation requirements well in advance of a test administration. If you do not know who to contact within your district, a quick Google search (e.g., your district name + Home Education) is the most efficient way for you to obtain this contact information. Some districts only allow Home Education students to test at certain times during the school year and often there is a registration window prior to testing. We recommend that if you have plans to take an EOC in spring 2020, you should reach out to the home education office by early January. EOC scores are returned to your district's home education office, not to FLVS.

Private School Students

Private school 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, or who plan to enroll in a public school at a future date, should speak with their private school counselor or contact the district's assessment office for guidance. Students should follow the district's testing policies; some districts may not allow private school students to test. Please note that EOC scores are returned to the district assessment office, and ultimately the student's private school, not to FLVS.

Private school students who are enrolled under the McKay, Florida Tax Credit, Gardiner, or Hope Scholarship programs **may participate** in EOC assessments regardless of the district's testing policy on private school students. Please contact your private school counselor or your district's assessment office for directions.

*Note that some schools/districts may have testing restrictions or specific rules to follow. **Students should have photo identification.***

FLVS does not administer EOC assessments. These tests are computer-based and administered at your student's public school of enrollment (zoned school) or a separate location designated by the district. **Accommodations will be provided for students with documented IEP or 504 Plans on file with their zoned school district.** If this applies to your child, please confirm the school has advance notice of all necessary information prior to test day.



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Your zoned school district selects the exact testing dates within the state-issued calendar. To view the statewide assessment schedule on the Florida Department of Education's website, please see:
<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5663/urlt/Statewide-Assessment-Schedule-2019-20.pdf>

Students enrolled in Algebra 1 or Geometry will participate in the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) EOC, which measures student achievement of the Florida Standards. Students taking an FSA EOC assessment *are required to complete a practice test* prior to taking the Algebra 1 or Geometry EOC assessment. Further, FLVS has prepared a practice test guide that walks students through the practice test. This guide is designed to help explain the different item types, tools, and features of the FSA Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC. Please sign in as a "guest" and be prepared to let your test administrator know that you have completed this requirement.

- To access the FSA practice tests, go to <http://fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>
- [Click here](#) to access the **FSA Algebra 1 EOC Practice Test Guide**
- [Click here](#) to access the **FSA Geometry EOC Practice Test Guide**

Students enrolled in Biology 1, Civics, or U.S. History will participate in the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) EOC, which measures student achievement of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. Students taking an NGSSS EOC assessment *are required to complete a practice test (ePAT)* prior to taking the Biology 1, Civics, or U.S. History EOC assessment. [Click here to access the required ePAT.](#)

Failure to take the FSA practice test or NGSSS ePAT may result in a student being denied access to the EOC assessment. These practice tests provide students with an opportunity to become comfortable with the computer functionality and tools they will use during testing.

Please discuss with your school counselor how these assessment results will affect your student's final grade and graduation options. If applicable, the student's final grade in the FLVS course may be recalculated by the district/school of enrollment based on the results of the EOC assessment. Students may earn an additional Scholar designation on their standard high school diploma based on EOC results in specific courses.

How can I help my student prepare?

- Visit www.flvs.net/EOC to access various resources to prepare for EOC assessments (both NGSSS and FSA).
- All students taking the EOC for the first time should have exposure to the test platform by taking the practice test prior to the actual assessment. Please reference the links in this letter to access the practice test, and if available, the accompanying practice test guide.
- Students can attend EOC review sessions hosted by FLVS instructors. Information will be provided by the FLVS instructor. You may also go to www.flvs.net/EOC to access recorded review sessions by subject area.
- Visit the Florida Department of Education's websites www.fsassessments.org/ and <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/end-of-course-eoc-assessments/> to access information provided by the Department of Education regarding the FSA and NGSSS EOC assessments.

Please contact the FLVS Assessment team at testing@flvs.net or your school counselor with any questions regarding EOC assessments.

Sincerely,
The FLVS Assessment Team