

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR TESTING



What are the Florida Standards and Florida Standards Assessment?



- The Florida Standards in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics were approved by the Florida State Board of Education (SBOE) in February 2014 and were fully implemented in grades K–12 in the 2014–2015 school year.
- All Florida schools teach the Florida Standards. The Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) provide parents and families, teachers, policy makers, and the general public with information regarding how well students are learning the Florida Standards.

How do the Florida Standards benefit my student?



- The Florida Standards, adopted by the State Board of Education in February 2014 after unprecedented public input and review, prepare Florida students for success in college, career, and life by emphasizing analytical thinking.
- The Florida Standards Assessments provide a more authentic assessment of the Florida Standards, because they include more than multiple-choice questions. Students are asked to create graphs, interact with test content, and write and respond in different ways than required on traditional tests. Question types assess students' higher-order thinking skills in keeping with the higher expectations of the Florida Standards.
- Students, educators, and parents and families are able to preview samples of question types by accessing practice tests that are available in the FSA Portal.

Practice Assessments



- Practice tests for all subjects/grades administered.
- www.fsassessments.org
- All assessments for grades 3-5 will be paper-based

3rd Grade Mandatory Retention



- Per Florida legislation, to be eligible for 4th Grade promotion students must receive a score of 2 or higher in FSA Reading
- 3rd Graders who receive a 1 in FSA Reading must show mastery of the Florida Standards through the Portfolio process or they must attend summer school and receive a passing score on the final assessment

Middle School Placement



- FSA scores in 5th grade directly correlate with student class placement in middle school.
- If students receive a “1” or “2” in reading or math, they will be immediately placed in a remedial math and/or reading class and will not be able to choose elective classes.
- These classes can stay on their schedule for the duration of middle school if they do not improve their scores.

FSA and FCAT 2.0 (Science) Administration Schedule

3rd Grade:

- ELA (PBT): Wednesday, April 1st and Thursday, April 2nd
- Math (PBT): Thursday, May 7th & Friday, May 8th

4th Grade:

- Writing (PBT): Wednesday, April 1st
- ELA (PBT): Monday, May 4th and Tuesday, May 5th
- Math (PBT): Thursday, May 7th & Friday, May 8th

5th Grade:

- Writing (PBT): Wednesday, April 1st
- ELA (PBT): Monday, May 4th and Tuesday, May 5th
- Math (PBT): Thursday, May 7th & Friday, May 8th
- Science (PBT): Monday, May 11th and Tuesday, May 12th

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Recent Announcements

-  The Florida Standards Assessments System Requirements for Online Testing have been updated to include web browser information for the training test, netbook screen resolution, and revised Chrome OS details. Please see the updated document in the Resources section.
Added July 8, 2014
- [Online Portal and Resources for the Florida Standards Assessment - Memo 6/27/2014](#)
Added June 30, 2014
- With Students As Top Priority, Florida Chooses Replacement for FCAT**
- Florida's new assessment tool will assess student progress on new Florida Standards -
Added June 26, 2014
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How can you help before testing?



- Have your child read for focused periods of time to increase reading stamina.
- Have your child practice reading “less interesting” materials.
- Ask questions about what they have read.
- Ask them to make real world connections to the concepts they are learning in school (example: identify the theme of an episode of their favorite television show).
- Have them prove/disprove answers.

Reducing Stress



- **Stress levels depend on individual children.**
 1. **Make certain *you* are calm when discussing FSA with students.**
 2. **Discuss test with kids but keep in mind their personalities.**
 3. **Depending on your child, it may put them at ease to see the sample assessments online.**
 4. **Make a game plan on the strategies that he/she is going to use. If they get stressed during the test, how will it be best for he/she to get back on track and calm themselves down?**
 5. **Help boost confidence beforehand (nightly homework, grades coming home, reading, etc.)!**

Reducing Stress (continued)



- 1. Remind children that their teacher is rooting for them, and we will be there with them.**
- 2. Debrief with kiddos after the first day. Discuss the “ups and downs” of the test in terms of stress. If necessary, make a new, improved game plan for day two of testing.**

The Day of Testing



- Make sure they get a good night's sleep.
- Have your child eat a nutritious breakfast.
- Aim for a stress-free morning.
- Make sure students get to school on time.
- Encourage them to do their best and use their strategies.

What OACS Does to Help



- Children have been exposed to and interpreting these types of questions since the beginning of the year!
- They should be familiar with how to answer the different formats of questions.
- We integrate the type of learning with real-world connections on a daily basis that will help lead students to success on these types of assessments.