

## End-of-Course Assessments (EOC)

### Grades/Students

All students enrolled in the following courses (or equivalent courses) must participate, other eligible students may participate (Algebra 1 Retake or for credit acceleration).

- Algebra 1, grades 6-12 (B.E.S.T. and Retakes for FSA)
- Biology 1, grades 6-12 (NGSSS)
- Civics, grades 6-8 (NGSSS)
- Geometry, grades 6-12 (B.E.S.T. and FSA fall only)
- US History, grades 9-12 (NGSSS)

### Date

EOC assessments are administered in the Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer of each school year.

### Description

The EOC assessments are computer-based (CBT), criterion-referenced assessments that measure the Florida Standards (FS), Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS), or Florida's Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) standards for specific high-school level courses, as outlined in the course description. Students with disabilities may participate in CBT administrations using paper-based accommodations as indicated on their Individual Educational Plan (IEP)s or Section 504 plans.

B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC assessments will be administered for the first time in winter 2022. Final administration of the Geometry EOC Assessment aligned to the Florida Standards will be in the fall 2022. The FSA Algebra 1 Retake will be available as a Retake opportunity in fall and spring of each school year until the last cohort graduates.

### Results

Test results for the Biology 1, Civics, and US History EOC assessments are reported using developmental scale scores which can range from 325 to 475. In addition to the scale scores, results are also reported in terms of Achievement Levels, which can range from Level 1 (low) to Level 5 (high). Achievement Level 3 indicates satisfactory performance (passing score).

Test results for the FSA Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC assessments are reported using developmental scale scores which can range from 425 to 575. In addition to the scale scores, results are also reported in terms of Achievement Levels, which can range from Level 1 (low) to Level 5 (high). Achievement Level 3 indicates satisfactory performance (passing score).

In the first year of the EOC program, the state-mandated use of student's scores as graduation test requirements changes, based on the student's high school cohort (year the student entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade). Beginning with cohort 2011-2012, students must pass the Algebra 1 EOC assessment to receive a standard high school diploma. Beginning in 2022-2023, the criteria will change to the B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 EOC assessment. Additionally, students' EOC scores must constitute 30 percent of the final course grade for all courses with EOC requirements.

The passing score for the FSA Algebra 1 EOC is 497 (the minimum scale score in Achievement level 3) for students who took the FSA Algebra 1 EOC in Spring 2016 and beyond. Students who took the assessment in 2015, prior to the adoption of the FSA scale, are eligible to use an alternate passing score (APS) of 489 (linked to the Spring 2014 NGSSS) for graduation/CAP purposes.

The B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC assessment results will be reported during the baseline year in the 2022-2023 school year as an overall scale score aligned to FSA, overall performance level aligned to FSA, and percentile ranks.

Assessment requirements for graduation are still required by state law. Students attempting to meet graduation requirements in 2022–23 will be able to use linked scores to the FSA scale for B.E.S.T. Algebra 1. Students must score an Achievement Level 3 or above on the B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 for graduation purposes. Students have multiple opportunities to meet the B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 test requirement prior to graduation.

Students also have the option to earn a comparative score for the FSA Algebra 1 EOC on alternate assessments that include the PSAT, SAT, and ACT. The PERT may be used as a comparative score for students who entered Grade 9 prior to the 2019 – 2020 school year. The PSAT is offered one time during the school year in October. All other assessments are offered several times throughout the year.

**Basis of Test**

State mandate

**Website**

[EOC Assessments](#)

[Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking \(B.E.S.T.\)](#)

[Graduation Requirements for Florida Statewide Assessments](#)

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