

Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Writing Assessment; Grades 3 – 10

Grades/Students

All students in grades 4-10.

Date

The assessment is administered in April of each school year.

Description

Beginning with the 2022–23 school year, Florida’s statewide, standardized assessments in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics were aligned with the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.). Writing was administered in spring 2023 as a standalone field test administered to a representative sample of Florida students.

Beginning with the 2023–24 school year, Writing will be administered during each spring administration. Writing scores will be reported separately from Reading; they will not contribute to an overall English Language Arts (ELA) score.

Writing will be computer-based (CBT) in all assessed grades, and prompts will be in response to texts. 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.

Results

The results for the B.E.S.T. Writing assessments be available no later than May 31 each year beginning with the 2023–2024 school year. B.E.S.T. Writing will be reported separately from Reading and will not contribute to an overall ELA score.

Basis of Test

State Mandate

Website

[Writing Assessments](#)

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