

Next Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments Overview

This fact sheet provides information for the following end-of-course (EOC) assessments that measure student achievement of the [Next Generation Sunshine State Standards](#) (NGSSS), as outlined in their [course descriptions](#):

- Biology 1 EOC assessment
- Civics EOC assessment
- U.S. History EOC assessment
- Algebra 1 EOC Retake

For information about the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 EOC assessments, please see the [FSA EOC Fact Sheet](#).

Students to Be Tested – Biology 1, U.S. History, and Civics

All students enrolled in and completing one of the following courses aligned to the NGSSS will participate in the appropriate assessment as follows:

Table 1: NGSSS EOC Assessment Corresponding Course List

Assessment	Course
Biology 1	Biology 1 – 2000310 Biology 1 Honors – 2000320 Pre-AICE Biology IGCSE Level – 2000322 Biology Technology – 2000430 Florida’s PreIB Biology 1 – 2000800 IB Middle Years Program Biology– 2000850 Integrated Science 3 – 2002440 Integrated Science 3 Honors – 2002450
U.S. History	United States History – 2100310 United States History Honors – 2100320 Visions and Countervisions: Europe, U.S. and the World from 1848 – 2100390 Visions and Countervisions: Europe, U.S. and the World from 1848 Honors – 2100480
Civics	M/J Civics – 2106010 M/J Civics – 2106015 M/J Civics & Career Planning – 2106016 M/J Civics, Advanced – 2106020 M/J Civics, Advanced – 2106025 M/J Civics, Advanced & Career Planning – 2106026 M/J Civics and Digital Technologies – 2106029 M/J U.S. History & Civics—2100045 M/J IB Middle Years Program Civics Advanced—2106027 M/J IB Middle Years Program Civics Advanced & Career Planning—2106028

The following students are eligible to participate in the NGSSS Biology 1, Civics, and U.S. History EOC assessments:

- Students who need to earn a passing score for a standard diploma with a scholar designation (Biology 1 and U.S. History only)
- Students who have not yet taken the assessment to be averaged as 30% of their course grades
- Students who are in grade forgiveness programs and wish to retake the assessment to improve their course grades

Students to Be Tested – Algebra 1 Retake

The following students are eligible to participate in the NGSSS Algebra 1 EOC Retake:

- Students who need to retake the assessment for graduation purposes
- Students who are in grade forgiveness programs and wish to retake the assessment to improve their course grade

Table 2: Algebra 1 EOC Retake Corresponding Course List

Course
Algebra 1 – 1200310
Algebra 1 Honors – 1200320
Algebra 1-B – 1200380
Pre-AICE Mathematics 1 IGCSE Level– 1209810
IB Middle Years Program Algebra 1 – 1200390

*Students completing one of these courses for the first time participate in the **FSA Algebra 1 EOC**.

Test Administration Schedule

For a full schedule of all statewide assessments, see the [2015-16 Statewide Assessment Schedule](#). The spring and summer 2016 NGSSS EOC assessments will be administered as follows:

- Spring Administration (Algebra 1): March 28–April 8, 2016
 - Accommodated paper-based tests completed by April 1
- Spring Administration (Biology 1, Civics, and U.S. History): April 18–May 20, 2016
 - Accommodated paper-based tests completed by May 13
- Summer Administration (All subjects): July 11–22, 2016
 - Accommodated paper-based tests completed by July 15

Test Administration Information

- The NGSSS EOC assessments are delivered via a computer-based test (CBT), browser-based platform called TestNav8.
- Paper-based versions (regular print, large print, braille, and one-item-per-page) are provided for students with disabilities who require allowable accommodations, as specified in their individual educational plans (IEPs) or Section 504 plans.
- The assessment is given in one 160-minute session with a 10-minute break after the first 80 minutes. Students are not allowed to talk during the break. Individual breaks may be allowed as needed. Students may not be dismissed during the first 80 minutes; however, if they complete the test in the first 80 minutes, they may be dismissed at the beginning of the 10-minute break. After the 10-minute break, students may be dismissed as they complete the test.
- Although the assessment is scheduled for a 160-minute session, any student not finished by the end of the 160 minutes may continue working. Testing must be completed within the same school day.

- There are multiple forms of each NGSSS EOC assessment. The number and type of items are as described below:
 - For Biology 1, there are 60-66 multiple-choice items.
 - For U.S. History, there are 50-60 multiple-choice items.
 - For Civics, there are 52-56 multiple-choice items.
 - For Algebra 1, there are 35-40 multiple-choice items and 20-25 fill-in response items.
 - Six to 10 of these items on each assessment are field-test items and are NOT used to calculate student scores.
- Students are provided with the following resources during testing:
 - Biology 1 EOC – Four-function calculator, Periodic Table of the Elements, and CBT Work Folder
 - Civics EOC and U.S. History EOC – CBT Worksheet
 - Algebra 1 EOC Retake – Four-function calculator, NGSSS EOC Reference Sheet, and CBT Work Folder

Practice Test

- Computer-based practice tests are available at www.FLAssessments.com/ePATs. Teachers, parents/guardians, and students can review the browser-based ePAT for each assessment.
- Paper-based regular print practice tests are available for student use on the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) [EOC page](#). Districts may order paper-based practice materials for students participating with large print or braille accommodations.

Scoring and Reporting

- **Scale Scores** – Students receive a scale score on the NGSSS EOC Assessment scale of 325–475.
- **Achievement Levels** – The success a student has achieved with the NGSSS assessed by the EOC assessment is indicated by Achievement Levels that range from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest). Level 3 indicates satisfactory performance (passing). The following table provides the scale score range for each Achievement Level.

Table 3: Achievement Levels for the EOC Assessment Scale Scores (325–475)

Course	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3 (Passing)	Level 4	Level 5
Biology 1	325–368	369–394	395–420	421–430	431–475
Civics	325–375	376–393	394–412	413–427	428–475
U.S. History	325–377	378–396	397–416	417–431	432–475
Algebra 1 Retake	325–374	375–398	399–424	425–436	437–475

Additional Information

- For more information regarding graduation requirements, please see [Graduation Requirements for Florida’s Statewide Assessments](#).
- Please see [Understanding NGSSS EOC Reports](#) for more information about student reports, reporting categories, and achievement levels.
- For information about the FSA, please visit the [FSA Portal](#).