

Understanding Florida Standards Assessments Reports

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Understanding FSA Reports

Introduction

This document has been prepared to help you understand the score reports for the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA). It includes explanations of the reports, information about the content assessed in Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA) relating to the <u>Florida Standards</u>, and a glossary of the terms used in these reports. The explanations provided for the sample reports apply to all grade levels unless otherwise noted.

Districts will receive paper copies of student score reports for distribution to schools and students. In addition, all reports, including aggregate score results for all other entities, can be found in the **FSA Reporting System**. Authorized users must log in to the FSA Reporting System to access aggregate score results. The results posted in the FSA Reporting System are restricted to authorized district and school personnel, since they contain confidential student information. Please see the *FSA Reporting System User Guide* available on the FSA Portal for assistance in accessing these results.

Note: Terms that are defined in the glossary appear in **bold text** the first time they are used in a section.

Purpose of the FSA

All Florida schools teach the Florida Standards, and students' knowledge of these standards is assessed through the statewide FSA assessments. Student performance on the FSA assessments provides important information to parents, teachers, policy makers, and the general public regarding how well students are learning the Florida Standards.

Subjects/Grade Levels Tested in 2016

- Grades 3–10 ELA (Reading component in grades 3–10; Writing component in grades 4–10)
- Grades 3–8 Mathematics
- Algebra 1*
- Geometry*
- Algebra 2

*Note: In accordance with Section 1008.22(3)(b)2., Florida Statutes, "Students enrolled in a course, as specified in the course code directory, with an associated statewide, standardized EOC [End-of-Course] assessment must take the EOC assessment for such course and may not take the corresponding subject or grade-level statewide, standardized assessment pursuant to paragraph (a)."

Most students, including English language learner (ELL) and exceptional student education (ESE) students, enrolled in the tested grade levels participated in the 2016 FSA administrations. Allowable accommodations were provided to eligible ELL and ESE students who have accommodations documented on their Individual Education Plans (IEPs) or Section 504 Plans.

Testing Format

Florida's transition to **computer-based testing** began in 2010. In 2016, all eligible students took a computer-based test (CBT) with the exception of students in grade 3 who took paper-based ELA Reading and Mathematics assessments, students in grade 4 who took paper-based Mathematics, and students in grades 4–7 who took paper-based ELA Writing. In addition, paper-based forms and accommodated test forms are provided for students with disabilities, as specified in

their IEPs or Section 504 Plans. Accommodated paper-based forms include large print, braille, and one-item-per-page for both paper-based and computer-based tests and regular print for computer-based tests. Computer-based accommodations, such as masking, audio for listening items, and American Sign Language (ASL) videos, are available in the computer-based platform for eligible students who require them.

Computer-Based Tests

- Grades 8–10 ELA Writing
- Grades 4–10 ELA Reading
- Grades 5–8 Mathematics
- Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 EOC assessments

Paper-Based Tests

- Grades 4–7 ELA Writing
- Grades 3 ELA Reading
- Grades 3 and 4 Mathematics

Question Formats

Students respond to **items** in multiple ways, including creating graphs, writing extended responses, and using other interactive features. The various question types are designed to assess higher-order thinking skills and offer diverse ways for students to show what they know and can do. Detailed descriptions of the question formats and item types are available in the item specifications posted to the <u>FSA Portal</u>.

Florida Standards Assessments Scores

FSA results are reported in several formats. Reports are distributed to students, schools, and districts. <u>Table 2</u> provides a list of FSA reports, the format in which the report will be delivered, the grade levels for which each report is provided, and the page of this document on which each report is described.

FSA ELA, Mathematics, and EOC Scores

ELA, Mathematics, and EOC Scale Scores and Achievement Levels

After the baseline administration of FSA in spring 2015, the **standard-setting** process took place to establish the **achievement level cut scores** for each grade and subject. Achievement level cut scores were adopted by the Florida State Board of Education in January of 2016 in State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.09422, Florida Administrative Code. Information regarding standard setting, as well as the adopted **achievement levels**, also called **performance levels**, and corresponding **scale score** ranges are available on the Florida Department of Education <u>Standard Setting page</u>. Both scale scores and performance levels are reported for FSA ELA, Mathematics, and EOC tests. The scales on which students receive scores differ by grade and subject and are indicated on the individual student reports. There are five performance levels, corresponding to the performance descriptions shown in Table 1 on the following page.

Table 1. Performance Levels

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Inadequate: Highly likely to need substantial support for the next grade/course	Below Satisfactory: Likely to need substantial support for the next grade/course	Satisfactory: May need additional support for the next grade/course	Proficient: Likely to excel in the next grade/course	Mastery: Highly likely to excel in the next grade/course

Score reports also indicate how a student's performance compares to that of other students who took the same test in the school, district, and state.

Passing Scores and Alternate Passing Scores

For all grade levels and subjects, the minimum scale score in performance level 3 is identified as the **passing score**. For the assessments that are graduation requirements, students must achieve the passing score to meet that requirement.

Students who took the grade 10 FSA ELA, Algebra 1 EOC, and Geometry EOC in the spring 2015 FSA **baseline** administration are eligible to use an alternate passing score to meet the passing requirement on these assessments (for Geometry, a passing score is required for students to qualify for the Scholar Designation but is not a graduation requirement). The alternate passing scores are linked to the passing scores on the previous statewide assessments (the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards, or NGSSS, assessments). Passing scores, alternate passing scores, and comparative score options are explained in <u>Graduation Requirements for Florida's Statewide Assessments</u>.

Reporting Category Performance Details

Reporting category performance is conveyed by displaying the **Points Earned** and the **Points Possible** for each category. Reporting categories represent groups of similar student skills, or benchmarks, that are assessed within each grade and subject.

FSA Student, School, District, and State Reports

	FSA Report Title	Format of Delivery	Grades	Page of Report Description
ts	ELA Student Report	Paper	3–9	<u>7</u>
epor	Mathematics Student Report	Paper	3–8	<u>7</u>
Student Reports	Algebra 2 and Geometry EOC Student Report	Paper	Algebra 2 and Geometry	<u>7</u>
Stu	ELA Grade10 and Algebra 1 EOC Student Report	Paper	10 and Algebra 1	<u>7–8</u>
orts	ELA School Report of Students	Online	3–10	<u>9</u>
Repo	Mathematics School Report of Students	Online	3–8	<u>9</u>
School Reports	EOC School Report of Students	Online	Algebra 1, Geometry, & Algebra 2	<u>10</u>
	ELA District Report of Schools	Online	3–10	<u>12</u>
	Mathematics District Report of Schools	Online	3–8	<u>12</u>
	Algebra 1 EOC District Report of Schools	Online	All	<u>12</u>
orts	Geometry EOC District Report of Schools	Online	All	<u>12</u>
District Reports	Algebra 2 EOC District Report of Schools	Online	All	<u>12</u>
crict I	ELA District Summary	Online	3–10	<u>13–14</u>
Dist	Mathematics District Summary	Online	3–8	<u>13–14</u>
	Algebra 1 EOC District Summary	Online	All	<u>13–14</u>
	Geometry EOC District Summary	Online	All	<u>13–14</u>
	Algebra 2 EOC District Summary	Online	All	<u>13–14</u>
	ELA State Report of Districts	Online	3–10	<u>15</u>
	Mathematics State Report of Districts	Online	3–8	<u>15</u>
	Algebra 1 EOC State Report of Districts	Online	All	<u>15</u>
orts	Geometry EOC State Report of Districts	Online	All	<u>15</u>
State Reports	Algebra 2 EOC State Report of Districts	Online	All	<u>15</u>
ate I	ELA State Summary	Online	3–10	<u>16</u>
St	Mathematics State Summary	Online	3–8	<u>16</u>
	Algebra 1 EOC State Summary	Online	All	<u>16</u>
	Geometry EOC State Summary	Online	All	<u>16</u>
	Algebra 2 EOC State Summary	Online	All	<u>16</u>

Table 2: FSA Reports, Format of Delivery, and Grades

Codes for No Data Reported

The following abbreviations may appear on some student-level educator reports.

NR (Not Reported) indicates that no data are reported for the student. Reports containing student results will indicate that no data are reported for one of the following reasons:

- NR2—Did Not Meet Attemptedness
- NR3—Marked Do Not Score
- NR5—Below-Grade Tester
- NR6—Duplicate Record
- NR7—FDOE Hold
- NR8—Caveon Invalidated

In the FSA Reporting System, the above NR condition codes will appear in the scale score column of the *School Report of Students* for Mathematics grades 3–8, Algebra 1 EOC, Geometry EOC, and Algebra 2 EOC.

For ELA grades 3–10, an NR code will be displayed on the PDF School Report of Students for students whose scores are not reported. Since the ELA reporting code is determined by both the ELA Reading and ELA Writing score flags, the reporting code does not list a flag number as it does for Mathematics and EOCs. However, the score flag information for ELA Reading and ELA Writing will be available in the District Student Results files as well as in the Excel version of the School Report of Students in the FSA Reporting System. Two separate columns will display the ELA Reading score flag and the ELA Writing score flag for grades 4–10 so that schools and districts can better understand why the student's score was not reported. Grade 3 ELA will have an ELA Reading score flag populated, while the ELA Writing score flag field will remain blank. Since the grade 3 ELA test takers only test in Reading, please use the corresponding score flag for information on their score.

A dash (–) on the reports indicates that either no data are reported because fewer than 10 students were tested or that all students fell into the same performance level and all students either passed or failed. To provide meaningful results and to protect the privacy of individual students, data are reported only when the total number of students in a group is at least 10 and when the performance of individuals cannot be determined.

FSA ELA, Mathematics, and EOC Student Reports

All Subjects and Grade Levels

Readers should have their FSA Mathematics Student Report (grades 3–8), FSA ELA Student Report (grades 3–9), or FSA EOC Student Report (Geometry and Algebra 2) when reviewing and interpreting information provided in this section. The FSA ELA Grade 10 and Algebra 1 EOC Student Reports are very similar to the below report, and the one difference is explained on the following page.

The FSA ELA, Mathematics, and EOC Student Report is a one-page color report. The report provides general information about the FSA program and resources for students as well as the student's 2016 FSA results, including the student's scale score, performance level, and reporting category scores. The information on this report is listed in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole.



Top of Report: The test, student, school, and district are identified on the top of the report.

Purpose of This Report: Description of the FSA and resources for teachers, students, and parents. On certain reports, and where appropriate, this section includes additional information regarding graduation and scholar designation requirements, and alternate passing scores.

Performance Level & Scale Score: An icon displays the student's performance level. Next to the icon, a statement provides further information regarding the performance level and charts the scale score on a graph. The performance level information is translated into Spanish and Haitian Creole.

4 Performance Details: A table lists the FSA ELA, Mathematics, or EOC reporting categories assessed. The Points Earned column shows the actual number of points earned by answering questions correctly in each of the reporting categories. The Points Possible column provides the total number of points possible for each of the reporting categories.

Performance Compared: A table lists the percentage of students in each performance level in the student's school, district, and the state. The performance level in which the student scored is highlighted.

Performance Level Indicators

Performance levels are indicated by both number and color for easy interpretation. The figure below displays each of the levels from 1 (Inadequate) to 5 (Mastery).



ELA Grade 10 and Algebra 1 EOC

Achieving a passing score on the Grade 10 ELA and Algebra 1 EOC is a <u>graduation requirement</u>. Therefore, in addition to the above interpretive information, a statement appears on these reports indicating whether the student met the graduation requirement.



FSA ELA and Mathematics School Report of Students

Readers must log in to the FSA Reporting System to access and view their FSA ELA, Mathematics, or EOC School Report of Students. Only authorized district and school personnel may access this report in the FSA Reporting System, since it contains confidential student information.

All Subjects and Grade Levels (except all EOC)

Readers should view their FSA ELA or Mathematics School Reports of Students (grades 3-8) or FSA ELA School Reports of Students (grades 3–10) when reviewing and interpreting information provided in this section. FSA EOC School Reports of Students are explained on the following page.

Mathematics School Report of Students Spring 2016		Distr	ool ID 9000	ol		
			Performance Level	Po		ed/Points Possible ontent Area
Student Name	Student ID	Scale Score (256-388)	Level 1 (256-305) Level 2 (306-319) Level 3 (320-333) Level 4 (334-349) Level 5 (350-388)	Operations, Algebraic Thinking, and Fractions	Numbers and Operations in Base Ten	Measurement, Data, and Geometry
Grade 05						
Student1,FSADemo	9916031141	367	5	21/21	15/15	15/18
Student2,FSADemo	9916031151	346	4	16/21	15/15	12/18
Student3,FSADemo	9916031161	325	3	8/21	10/15	13/18
Student4,FSADemo	9916031171	324	3	8/21	10/15	12/18
Student5,FSADemo	9916031181	309	2	6/21	7/15	7/18
Student6,FSADemo	9916031191	322	3	8/21	11/15	9/18
Student7,FSADemo	9916031201	318	2	8/21	7/15	12/18
Student8,FSADemo	9916031211	359	5	18/21	15/15	15/18
Student9,FSADemo	9916031221	355	5	19/21	14/15	15/18
Student10,FSADemo	9916031231	325	3	12/21	13/15	7/18
Student11,FSADemo	9916031241	349	4	17/21	14/15	14/18
Student12,FSADemo	9916031251	336	4	14/21	12/15	14/18
Student13,FSADemo	9916031261	361	5	18/21	15/15	17/18
Student14,FSADemo	9916031271	290	1	3/21	5/15	3/18
Student15,FSADemo	9916031281	362	5	19/21	13/15	17/18
Student16,FSADemo	9916031291	325	3	13/21	10/15	10/18
Student17,FSADemo	9916031301	313	2	9/21	7/15	9/18
Student18,FSADemo	9916031311	340	4	16/21	13/15	13/18
Student19,FSADemo	9916031321	309	2	7/21	8/15	6/18
Points earned by content area should not be co Not Reported (NR) codes: NR2 = Did Not Meet Attemptedness Criteria NR3 = Marked Do Not Score		NR7 = FDOE	Hold n Invalidated			

Top of Report: The subject, title of the report, and administration are printed on the top left of the report. School and district information are listed on the top middle of the report.

2 Report Results Table: A table lists the grade of students included in the report. Each student's name, student ID (SID), and Scale Score are listed on the left side of the report. A Performance Level of 1-5 (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest) and the Points Earned/Points Possible by content area are also reported. The scale score ranges for each Performance Level are indicated in the subheading of the Performance Level Column. Note: A passing indicator is listed only on the ELA reports and will display NA for all grades except grade 10.

Bottom of Report: Important footnotes on how to read the results in the table are included at the bottom of the report, along with the page number of the report and the month and year the results were released.

FSA Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 EOC

Readers should view their EOC School Report of Students when reviewing and interpreting information provided in this section.

			Dist	ool ool ID rict rict ID	Demo School 9000 9000 Demo Dist 99 99					
					Performance Level		ned/Points P Content Area			
Student Name	Student ID	Scale Score (425-575)	Passed	Core Test Form	Level 1 (425-486) Level 2 (487-496) Level 3 (497-517) Level 4 (518-531) Level 5 (532-575)	Algebra and Modeling	Functions and Modeling	Statistics and the		
Grade 08										
Student1,EOCDemo	9916206981	521	Y	Α	4	11/24	10/23	6/1		
Student2,EOCDemo	9916207021	505	Y	Α	3	10/24	6/23	5/1		
Student3,EOCDemo	9916100001	512	Y	D	3	9/24	8/23	3/		
Student4,EOCDemo	9916100011	484	N	E	1	3/24	6/24	1/		
Student5,EOCDemo	9916100021	520	Y	F	4	11/24	10/23	3/		
Student6,EOCDemo	9916100031	491	N	D	2	9/24	3/23	2/		
Student7,EOCDemo	9916100041	527	Y	D	4	13/24	11/23	4/		
Grade 09 Student8,EOCDemo	9916207031	506	Y	А	3	8/24	8/23	4/		
Student9,EOCDemo	9916207071	466	N	A	1	6/24	3/23			
Student10,EOCDemo	9916207071	400	N	E	1	4/24	3/23	0/		
Student11,EOCDemo	9916100051 9916100061	473 542	Y	F	5	4/24	12/23	7/		
Student12.EOCDemo	9916100071	526	Y	D	4	12/24	10/23	6/		
Student12,EOCDemo	9916100081	487	N	D	2	5/24	4/23	2/		
Student14,EOCDemo	9916100091	552	Y	E	5	19/24	15/24	9/		
Grade 10										
	9916207081	538	Y Y	A A	5	18/24	13/23	7/ 6/*		
Student15,EOCDemo Student16,EOCDemo	9916207121	537				19/24	12/23			

Top of Report: The subject, title

of the report, and administration are printed on the top left of the report. School and district information are listed on the top middle of the report.



Report Results Table: Each student's name, SID, and Scale Score are listed by grade. A passing indicator is listed on the Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 reports. The remainder of the row includes each student's reported Core Test Form, performance level, and the Points Earned/Points Possible by content area.

Bottom of Report: Important footnotes on how to read the results in the table are included here, along with the page number of the report and the month and year the results were released.

FSA ELA, Mathematics, and EOC State and District Reports of Results

Readers should have one of the following FSA ELA, Mathematics, or EOC reports when reviewing and interpreting information provided in this section: *District Report of Schools, District Summary, State Report of Districts,* and/or *State Summary*. These reports (shown on the following pages) are formatted similarly and include the following features:

1 Top of Report: The subject, title of the report, and administration are printed on the top left of the report. District and school information, as applicable, is listed on the top middle of the report.

Report Results Table: Identifying information for the district or school is provided in the first column. On the District Summary and State Summary, the grade level for the data is provided in this column as well. The number of students tested appears in the second column of all reports. The Mean Scale Score is provided in the third column and the Percentage Passing, if available, is provided in the fourth column. The percentage of students in each Performance Level is provided on the right side of the table along with a percentage of the passing levels (Levels 3–5).

Bottom of Report: Important footnotes on how to read the results in the table are included here, along with the page number of the report and the month and year the results were released. The *District Summary* and *State Summary* reports also include a table of the scale score ranges for each performance level by grade.

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Flerida Standards Assessments ELA District Report of Schools Spring 2016	District DEMO DIST District ID 99											
Spring 2016		Score					e in Eac ice Leve					
	Number of Students	Mean Scale Score (257-385)	Percentage Passing	Level 1 (257-303)	Level 2 (304-320)	Level 3 (321-335)	Level 4 (336-351)	Level 5 (352-385)	Levels 3-5			
Grade 05												
9000 Demo School 9000	250	318	NA	24	28	24	16	8	48			
9001 Demo School 9001	250	322	NA	23	27	23	14	13	50			
9002 Demo School 9002	250	322	NA	20	28	21	21	10	52			
9003 Demo School 9003	250	320	NA	25	26	28	10	12	49			
9004 Demo School 9004	250	322	NA	22	24	28	15	11	54			
9005 Demo School 9005	250	322	NA	21	21	31	18	9	58			
9006 Demo School 9006	250	320	NA	24	28	23	16	9	48			
9007 Demo School 9007	250	321	NA	24	23	27	20	6	53			
9008 Demo School 9008	250	321	NA	22	27	23	18	10	51			
9009 Demo School 9009	250	321	NA	22	28	25	14	10	50			
DISTRICT TOTAL	2500	321	NA	23	26	25	16	10	51			

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 To provide meaningful results and to protect the privacy of individual students, no data are reported if the number of students is less than ten or all students would be reported in the same category (e.g., the same Performance Level). A dash (--) appears when data are suppressed.
NA – Not Applicable

 Performance Levels 3-5 are grouped together for comparison, since the percentage of students scoring at or above satisfactory is necessary for accountability reporting.

When added together, percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

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	Number of Students	Mean Scale Score	Percentage Passing	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Levels
Grade 03									
District	2500	300	NA	23	26	27	16	8	51
State	2545	299	NA	24	26	27	16	8	5
Grade 04									
District	2498	312	NA	24	23	24	18	11	5
State	2518	312	NA	24	23	23	18	11	5
Grade 05									
District	2500	321	NA	23	26	25	16	10	5
State	2507	321	NA	23	26	25	16	10	5
Grade 06									
District	2500	325	NA	23	27	21	19	9	5
State	2504	325	NA	23	27	21	19	9	5
Grade 07									
District	2500	332	NA	25	23	23	17	11	51
State	2517	331	NA	26	23	23	17	11	5
Grade 08									
District	7498	338	NA	23	24	26	16	11	5
State	7515	338	NA	23	24	26	16	11	5
Grade 09									

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ELA District Su Spring 20	ımmary 16				Dist Dist	rict DE rict ID 99	MO DIST				
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			Number of Students		Mean Scale Score	Percentage Passing	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 5	Levels
Grade 10											
District			349		349	48	25			9 10	4
State			351	2 3	349	48	25	27	20 1	8 10	4
Grade 06	259-308	309-325	321-335 326-338	336-351 339-355		Grade 09 Grade 10		328-342 334-349	343-354 350-361		370- 378-
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ELA State Report of Districts Spring 2016								
		core				Percent Perforn	age in Ea nance Le	ach vel
	Number of Students	Mean Scale Score (240-360)	Percentage Passing	Level 1 (240-284)	Level 2 (285-299)	Level 3 (300-314)	Level 4 (315-329)	Level 5 (330-360)
Grade 03								
77 DEMO DIST	45	269	NA	78	2	0	0	20
99 DEMO DIST	2500	300	NA	23	26	27	16	8
STATE TOTAL	2545	299	NA	24	26	27	16	8
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ELA State Summary Spring 2016								
		Score			Per Per	centage formanc	in Each e Level	
	Number of Students	Mean Scale Score	Percentage Passing	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Grade 03								
State	2545	299	NA	24	26	27	16	8
Grade 04								
State	2518	312	NA	24	23	23	18	11
Grade 05								
State	2507	321	NA	23	26	25	16	10
Grade 06								
State	2504	325	NA	23	27	21	19	9
Grade 07								
State	2517	331	NA	26	23	23	17	11
Grade 08								
State	7515	338	NA	23	24	26	16	11
Grade 09								
State	7514	342	NA	26	26	20	18	11
Grade 10								

FSA ELA Performance Levels by Scale Score Ranges

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Grade 03	240-284	285-299	300-314	315-329	330-360	Grade 07	267-317	318-332	333-345	346-359	360-397
Grade 04	251-296	297-310	311-324	325-339	340-372	Grade 08	274-321	322-336	337-351	352-365	366-403
Grade 05	257-303	304-320	321-335	336-351	352-385	Grade 09	276-327	328-342	343-354	355-369	370-407
Grade 06	259-308	309-325	326-338	339-355	356-391	Grade 10	284-333	334-349	350-361	362-377	378-412



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FSA Reporting Categories

The content of each FSA ELA, Mathematics, and EOC assessment is organized by **reporting categories** that are used for test design, scoring, and reporting purposes. Reporting categories group the assessed student knowledge and skills into broad content areas. Definitions for each reporting category for each of the FSA assessments are provided below.

FSA ELA Reporting Categories

FSA ELA measures student achievement of the Florida Standards in English Language Arts. For all grade levels tested, FSA ELA assesses what students know and are able to do in the broad reporting categories listed below. The difficulty of the concepts assessed on FSA ELA progresses systematically from grade to grade, as does the complexity of the text presented to the student at each grade level.

Grade 3

• Key Ideas and Details

Students read closely to comprehend, analyze, and summarize essential information and concepts, referencing evidence from the text to support inferences and conclusions.

• Craft Structure

Students interpret literal and nonliteral meanings of words/phrases. They determine how text structures and text features impact meaning. They distinguish personal point of view from that of the narrator or author.

• Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Students integrate and analyze content presented in diverse media formats. They analyze treatment of similar themes or topics.

• Language and Editing

Students demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

Grades 4–5

• Key Ideas and Details

Students read closely to comprehend, analyze, and summarize essential information and concepts, citing textual evidence to support inferences and conclusions.

• Craft and Structure

Students interpret connotative and figurative meanings of words/phrases. They analyze how text structures and text features impact the text. They determine the effects of point of view or purpose.

• Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Students integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media formats. They analyze the treatment of similar themes or topics and how the author uses reasons and evidence to support points.

Language and Editing

Students demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

• Text-Based Writing

Students draw relevant evidence from various texts to support a claim or controlling idea. They produce clear and coherent writing with development, organization, and style appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

Grades 6–10

• Key Ideas and Details

Students read closely to understand information. They cite textual evidence to support inferences/conclusions. They analyze development and interaction of central ideas, themes, individuals, events, or ideas. They summarize key concepts.

• Craft and Structure

Students interpret connotative and figurative meanings of words/phrases. They analyze how word choice affects meaning/ tone and how text structures impact the text. They determine the effects of point of view or purpose.

• Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Students integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media formats. They evaluate arguments for claims, validity, relevance, and sufficient evidence. They analyze treatment of similar themes or topics.

• Language and Editing

Students demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

• Text-Based Writing

Students draw relevant evidence from various texts to support a claim or controlling idea. They produce clear and coherent writing with development, organization, and style appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

FSA Mathematics Reporting Categories

FSA Mathematics measures student achievement of the Florida Standards in Mathematics. For all grade levels tested, FSA Mathematics assesses what students know and are able to do in the broad reporting categories listed below. The difficulty of the concepts assessed on FSA Mathematics progresses systematically from grade to grade, as does the complexity of the numerals and mathematical operations included at each grade level.

Grade 3

• Operations, Algebraic Thinking, and Numbers in Base Ten

Students represent and solve problems involving multiplication and division. They understand properties of multiplication and the relationship between multiplication and division. They multiply and divide within 100. They solve problems involving the four operations, and identify and explain patterns in arithmetic. They use place value understanding and properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic.

- Numbers and Operations—Fractions Students develop understanding of fractions as numbers.
- Measurement, Data, and Geometry

Students solve problems involving measurement and estimation of intervals of time, liquid volumes, and masses of objects. They represent and interpret data. They understand concepts of area and relate area to multiplication and addition. They recognize perimeter as an attribute of plane figures and distinguish between linear and area measures. They reason with shapes and their attributes.

Grade 4

• Operations and Algebraic Thinking

Students use the four operations with whole numbers to solve problems. They gain familiarity with factors and multiples. They generate and analyze patterns.

• Numbers and Operations in Base Ten

Students generalize place value understanding for multi-digit whole numbers. They use place value understanding and properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic.

• Numbers and Operations—Fractions

Students extend understanding of fraction equivalence and ordering. They build fractions from unit fractions by applying and extending previous understandings of operations on whole numbers. They understand decimal notation for fractions and compare decimal fractions.

• Measurement, Data, and Geometry

Students solve problems involving measurement and conversion of measurements from a larger unit to a smaller unit. They represent and interpret data. They understand concepts of angle and measure angles. They draw and identify lines and angles and classify shapes by properties of their lines and angles.

Grade 5

• Operations, Algebraic Thinking, and Fractions

Students write and interpret numerical expressions. They analyze patterns and relationships. They use equivalent fractions as a strategy to add and subtract fractions. They apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division to multiply and divide fractions.

• Numbers and Operations in Base Ten

Students understand the place value system. They perform operations with multi-digit whole numbers and decimals to hundredths.

• Measurement, Data, and Geometry

Students convert like measurement units within a given measurement system. They represent and interpret data. They understand concepts of volume and relate volume to multiplication and addition. They graph points on the coordinate plane to solve real-world and mathematical problems. They classify two-dimensional figures into categories based on their properties.

Grade 6

• Ratio and Proportional Relationships

Students understand ratio concepts and use ratio reasoning to solve problems.

• Expressions and Equations

Students apply and extend previous understandings of arithmetic to algebraic expressions. They reason about and solve one-variable equations and inequalities. They represent and analyze quantitative relationships between dependent and independent variables.

• Geometry

Students solve real-world and mathematical problems involving area, surface area, and volume.

• Statistics and Probability

Students develop understanding of statistical variability. They summarize and describe distributions.

• The Number System

Students apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division to divide fractions by fractions. They compute fluently with multi-digit numbers and find common factors and multiples. They apply and extend previous understandings of numbers to the system of rational numbers.

Grade 7

• Ratio and Proportional Relationships

Students analyze proportional relationships and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems.

• Expressions and Equations

Students use properties of operations to generate equivalent expressions. They solve real-life and mathematical problems using numerical and algebraic expressions and equations.

• Geometry

Students draw, construct, and describe geometrical figures and describe the relationships between them. They solve real-life and mathematical problems involving angle measure, area, surface area, and volume.

• Statistics and Probability

Students use random sampling to draw inferences about a population. They draw informal comparative inferences about two populations. They investigate chance processes and develop, use, and evaluate probability models.

• The Number System

Students apply and extend previous understandings of operations with fractions to add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers.

Grade 8

• Expressions and Equations

Students work with radicals and integer exponents. They understand the connections between proportional relationships, lines, and linear equations.

• Functions

Students define, evaluate, and compare functions. They use functions to model relationships between quantities.

Geometry

Students understand congruence and similarity using physical models, transparencies, or geometry software. They understand and apply the Pythagorean theorem. They solve real-world and mathematical problems involving volume of cylinders, cones, and spheres.

• Statistics and Probability and the Number System Students investigate patterns of association in bivariate data. They know that there are numbers that are not rational and approximate them by rational numbers.

FSA EOC Reporting Categories

The content of the Florida EOC Assessments is organized by reporting categories that are used for test design, scoring, and reporting purposes. Reporting categories group the assessed student knowledge and skills into broad content areas. Definitions for each reporting category are provided below for each of the 2016 EOC assessments.

Algebra 1

• Algebra and Modeling

Students perform operations on polynomials. They understand the relationship between zeros and factors of polynomials. They use mathematical structure of expressions. They create and solve equations and inequalities. They reasons with equations and inequalities. They choose and use appropriate mathematics to model situations.

• Functions and Modeling

Students understand the concept of a function. They interpret functions and key features in a context. They analyze and graph functions. They build a function that models a relationship. They construct linear, quadratic, and exponential functions. They solve problems using functions.

• Statistics and the Number System

Students extend the properties of exponents to rational exponents. They use properties of rational and irrational numbers. They summarize, represent, and interpret data for one- and two-variable data. They interpret linear models.

Geometry

• Congruence, Similarity, Right Triangles, and Trigonometry

Students understand congruence and similarity in terms of transformations. They prove and use geometric theorems. They demonstrate geometric constructions. They define trigonometric ratios. They solve problems involving right triangles. They use congruence and similarity criteria for triangles.

• **Circles, Geometric Measurement, and Geometric Properties with Equations** Students prove and apply theorems about circles. They find arc lengths and areas of sectors. They derive the equation of a circle. They use coordinates to prove theorems and to solve problems algebraically. They explain and use volume formulas.

• Modeling with Geometry

Students apply geometric concepts in modeling situations.

Algebra 2

• Algebra and Modeling

Students perform operations on polynomials. They prove polynomial identities. They understand the relationship between zeros and factors of polynomials. They use mathematical structure of expressions. They create and solve equations. They reason with equations and inequalities. They use appropriate mathematics to model situations.

• Functions and Modeling

Students write arithmetic and geometric sequences. They interpret functions and key features in a context. They analyze and graph functions. They build a function that models a relationship. They solve problems using functions. They apply right triangle trigonometry to the unit circle.

• Statistics, Probability, and the Number System

Students perform operations with complex numbers. They extend the properties of exponents to rational exponents. They model and analyze situations using statistics. They understand conditional probability. They use rules of probability.

Glossary

Note: Terms defined in this glossary that have been cross-referenced appear in **bold text** the first time they are referenced in a definition other than their own.

Achievement Levels—Also referred to as **performance levels**, five categories of achievement that represent the success students demonstrate with the content assessed. The achievement levels are helpful in interpreting what a student's score represents. Achievement levels range from 1 to 5, with Level 1 being the lowest and Level 5 being the highest. Achieving a score in Level 3 or higher is considered satisfactory. The minimum score in Level 3 is the passing score for each assessment.

Achievement Level Cut Scores—The minimum scale scores (cut score) for placement in each of the five achievement levels. The cut scores are established through a process called **Standard Setting** and were established in <u>State Board of</u> <u>Education Rule 6A-1.09422</u>.

Alternate Passing Score—The passing score that students who participated in the **baseline administration** (prior to the establishment of **achievement level cut scores**) may use to meet the graduation requirement of passing the Grade 10 ELA and Algebra 1 EOC (or to receive the scholar designation by passing the Geometry EOC).

Baseline Administration—The first administration of new assessments aligned to statewide standards. The FSA baseline administration took place in spring 2015. Student results from the baseline administration are used in the process of **standard setting**.

CBT Tools—Tools available to students in the **computer-based testing** platform. CBT tools vary slightly depending on the **subject area**. Readers should refer to the <u>Test Administration User Guide</u> for a list of FSA CBT tools provided on all computer-based tests.

Computer-Based Testing (CBT)—Most Florida statewide assessments are computer-based. In 2016, the FSA Grades 8– 10 ELA Writing, Grades 4–10 ELA Reading, Grades 5–8 Mathematics, Algebra 1 EOC, Geometry EOC, and Algebra 2 EOC were given in a computer-based format, with paper-based accommodations provided for eligible students. When taking the test on the computer, students make their answer choices using the mouse or keyboard, and they may use various **CBT tools** as they respond. Once they have completed the test, they submit their answers electronically. Before exiting the assessment and submitting their responses, students are taken to a screen that identifies questions that are answered, unanswered, and marked for review.

FSA Reporting System—The system used to access student, school, district, and state score reports. Only authorized users have access to this system.

Items—Test questions that students are required to answer. Information about item types are included in the Test Item Specifications available on the <u>FSA Portal</u>. In addition, student practice tests (also available on the portal) include all possible item types students may encounter on a test.

Mean—An average of the individual scores that describes the performance of a group of students. The mean is computed by finding the sum of all scores and dividing by the number of scores used in the sum.

Mean Scale Score—The calculated mean scale score of all students at the school, district, or state level.

Passing Score—The minimum scale score in achievement level 3 for each grade and subject.

Percent Passing—The percentage of students in the district or the state that achieve a scale score at or above the **passing score** for each assessment. Percent passing is only reported on district and state summary reports.

Performance Level—See Achievement Levels.

Points Earned—See Reporting Category Scores.

Points Possible—The number of "Points Possible" is the sum of the maximum scores for items measuring a given reporting category. The number of points possible in a reporting category may change slightly each year.

Reporting Category—Broad content areas into which the assessed student knowledge and skills are grouped.

Reporting Category Scores—The sum of the scores for items measuring a given reporting category. Reporting category scores are also referred to as raw scores.

Scale Score—A scale score is used to report student results on the entire test on the FSA scale. Overall theta scores are converted to the scale score in order to reflect the student's **achievement level**.

Standard Setting—The process by which achievement level cut scores are established. <u>Standard setting</u> is based on input from educators, community and business leaders, and the public, as well as the state's education leadership.

State Mean—The average scale score for each grade and subject used for comparison purposes. Individual student scores, school mean scores, or district mean scores can be compared to the state mean.

Subject Area—The information or skills contained in an area of study. The subject areas assessed in the 2016 FSA are ELA and Mathematics.

Theta—Theta scores are generated using "pattern scoring," a method which scores students depending on how they answer individual items.

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