



Assessment & Accountability Updates

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FTCE & General Knowledge Test Fee Reductions

SB7070: FTCE Changes

On May 9, Governor DeSantis signed [Senate Bill \(SB\) 7070](#), which, among other things, amended [s. 1012.56, F.S.](#), as follows:

- Requires only candidates who serve as classroom teachers pursuant to [s. 1012.01\(2\)\(1\), F.S.](#), to “demonstrate mastery of general knowledge.”
- Requires school districts employing individuals who do not pass the General Knowledge assessment to “provide information regarding the availability of state-level and district-level supports and instruction to assist him or her in achieving a passing score.”

SB7070: FTCE Changes (cont.)

- Removes the requirement that individuals holding a temporary teaching certification pass the General Knowledge test within 1 calendar year of the date of employment.
- Allows the State Board of Education (SBE) to adopt rules to allow the Department to extend the validity of a temporary certificate for 2 years “if the certificateholder is rated highly effective in the immediate prior year’s performance evaluation pursuant to [s. 1012.34](#) or has completed a 2-year mentorship program pursuant to [s. 1012.56\(8\)](#).”

SB7070: FTCE Changes (cont.)

- Requires that the SBE rule outlining FTCE fees specify costs for:
 - Initial registration for first-time test takers.
 - Retake of the full battery of subtests of an examination; these costs must not exceed the fee for the initial registration.
 - Retake for each subtest of an examination; these costs must be prorated based on the number of subtests within the examination.
- Removes the requirement that FTCE fees be based on Department estimates of the revenue required to implement the assessments required by law.

FTCE and GK Changes: Test Fee Structure

- New test fee structure SBE adoption date: March 19, 2019
 - Link to SBE materials:
<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/18744/urlt/40021.pdf>
 - Link to Rule materials:
<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleNo.asp?id=6A-4.0021>
- New test fee structure implementation date: April 22, 2019
 - Candidates must register **on or after April 22, 2019** to be eligible for the new fee structure
 - Link to FTCE/FELE website:
http://www.fl.nesinc.com/announce_FeeChange.asp

FTCE and GK Test Fee Structure

Previous Fee Collection Model

Test	First Time Fee	Retake Fees
General Knowledge (GK)	\$130	\$150 – Any combination
Professional Education	\$150	\$170
Single Subject Area Exam (SAE)	\$200	\$220
Elem. Ed and PK-3 (Four Subtests Each)	\$200	\$150 single/\$200 two/\$220 three or four tests
English 5-9 and 6-12 (Two subtests-multiple choice/written)	\$200	\$150 single retake/\$220 both tests

New Fee Collection Model

Test	First Time Fee	Retake Fees
General Knowledge (GK)	\$130	\$130 – all four subtests \$97.50 for three \$65 for two \$32.50 for single
Professional Education	\$150	\$150
Single Subject Area Exam (SAE)	\$150	\$150
Elem. Ed and PK-3 (Four Subtests Each)	\$150	\$150 – all four subtests \$112.50 for three \$75 for two \$37.50 for single
English 5-9 and 6-12 (Two subtests-multiple choice/written)	\$150	\$75 single retake \$150 for two

Resources for FTCE Examinees

FTCE resources are available at
<http://www.fl.nesinc.com/index.asp>.

- [Test Information Guides](#):
 - For all tests; includes sample tests, test blueprints, and references
 - Now includes sample passing and not-passing essay responses for GK, English, Florida Educational Leadership (FELE), Professional Education, Spanish, and French examinations
- [CBT Tutorials](#): explains to examinees what to expect on test day
- [Examinee Preparation Videos](#): Overview of test-taking preparation and strategies
- [Facts](#): Tells the FTCE story, how tests are developed and scored, etc.

College and District Resources

College and district resources are available at
http://www.fl.nesinc.com/FL_FacultyResources.asp.

- [Faculty Resources](#)
- Includes faculty-relevant information regarding:
 - Understanding FTCE/FELE test content
 - Assistance to candidates in preparing for the exams
 - Interpreting candidate score reports
 - Purchasing vouchers
- [Curriculum Mapping Tool](#), including tutorial and blank map documents.
 - Faculty self-evaluation of curriculum
 - Program-level evaluation of curriculum
 - University-level interdisciplinary cooperation



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Civics Review

Civics Review: HB807

During the 2019 legislative session, the Legislature passed [House Bill 807](#), which amends [s. 1003.4156, F.S.](#), to require, among other things, that the Commissioner work with specified organizations to review all Civics instructional materials and test item specifications by **December 31, 2019**, and course standards by **December 31, 2020**:

“After consulting with such entities and individuals, the commissioner shall review the current state-approved civics education course instructional materials and the test specifications for the statewide, standardized EOC assessment in civics education and shall make recommendations for improvements to the materials and test specifications by December 31, 2019. By December 31, 2020, the department shall complete a review of the statewide civics education course standards.”



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Testing First-Year ELLs on FSA ELA

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- [Memo from Chancellor Lyons](#)
- All ELLs must participate in FSA ELA
- This year:
 - First-year ELL FSA ELA results will not be factored into school grades
 - First-year ELLs will be factored into percent tested



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Spring 2019 Reporting

FSA and NGSSS Spring Reporting

The following reporting deadlines are now specified in [1008.22\(7\)\(a\)](#), F.S.:

“Assessment results for the statewide, standardized [English Language Arts] ELA and mathematics assessments and all statewide, standardized [End-of-Course] EOC assessments must be made available no later than **June 30**, except for results for the grade 3 statewide, standardized ELA assessment, which must be made available no later than **May 31**.”

Please keep these dates in mind as you communicate with students, teachers, parents, military recruiters, colleges, universities, and any other stakeholders throughout the rest of this school year.

Algebra 1 Retake EOC results were reported on April 18. ELA Retake scores are expected to be reported in mid-May.



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Released Tests

Released Tests: Timeline of Activities

- Fall 2018: Review of released test interpretive products (IP) from other states (CA, NY, TX, OH, VA) as well as IP for previously-released FCAT tests.
- November 2018: Review IP findings with Florida's Technical Advisory Committee; gather feedback on appropriateness of each with respect to Florida's current tests.
- Spring 2019: Florida Content Advisory Committees convene to gather further IP recommendations.

Released Tests: Timeline of Activities (cont.)

- Summer 2019–Spring 2020: Finalize format of released test IP
- Summer 2020: Select operational test forms for use in spring 2021; begin parallel production of released test forms and accompanying IP
- June 30, 2021: Report all scores; release test forms in grades 3 and 10 ELA (including grade 10 ELA Writing prompt), Algebra 1, and middle grade ELA (w/prompt) and Mathematics (grade TBD), science (grade TBD) and social studies (subject TBD)
- July 2021: Districts receive individual student score reports, which will include individual Writing responses in released grades only



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FLKRS

2018 FLKRS Administration: July 9–October 12

- In August 2018, new guidance was posted regarding appropriate use of sub-domain scores.
- 2018 school and district results, including subdomain results, were released December 20, 2018.
 - Guidance on the use of FLKRS subdomain results is available at <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/18494/urlt/FLKRS-Subdomain-Guidance.pdf>.
- 2018 statewide results were released in March 2019.
- More information is available at <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/flkrs>.

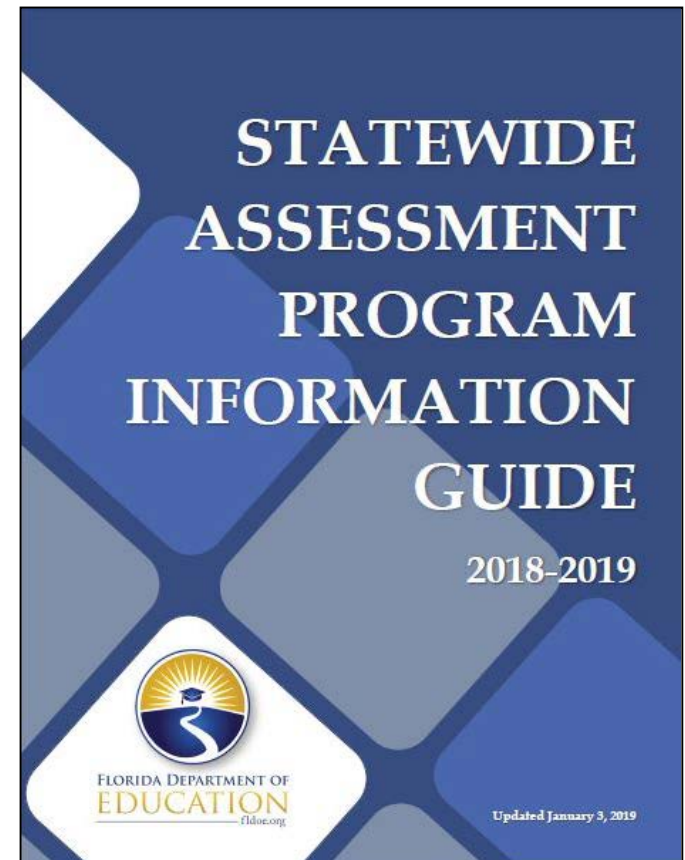


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Statewide Assessment Program Information Guide

Statewide Assessment Program Information Guide

- Online resource for information on the statewide assessment program
- Updated for the 2018–19 school year:
 - Description of on-site test construction
 - Information on standalone ELA Writing Field Test
 - Expanded information on Reporting Categories
- Reflects changes in test mode and item types in grades 3–6 ELA & Mathematics
- [Statewide Assessment Program Information Guide](#)



Statewide Assessment Program Information Guide

- Test Content and Format
- Test Development and Construction
- Test Administration
- Scoring the Assessments
- Reporting Results
- Required Uses, Statutes, and Rules
- Links to Resources



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Accountability Update

School Grades, School Improvement Ratings & ESSA

1. No changes to measures this year from session
2. Will be released sometime during summer.
3. ESSA Federal Index will be released shortly after school grades
4. School and District Report Cards will be updated when ESSA data are released, and again after appeals have been resolved
5. Persistently Low-Performing (PLP) school designation criteria *did* change

Persistently Low Performing

- **Old language** - a school that has earned three consecutive grades lower than a “C,” pursuant to s. 1008.34
- **New language** - a school that has earned three grades lower than a “C,” pursuant to s. 1008.34, in at least 3 of the previous 5 years and has not earned a grade of “B” or higher in the most recent 2 school years.

VAM & DJJ

1. No changes to calculation
2. Will be released as usual around the first week of August
3. VAM Data Visualization Tool is coming
4. DJJ rule adopted by State Board last year
5. Informational baseline DJJ ratings coming soon
6. DJJ monitoring and support does not go into effect with this release

Federal Reporting: Restraint and Seclusion

- Collected via the Student Information System's Student Discipline/Resultant Action codes: L (Seclusion), M (Mechanical Restraint) and R (Physical Restraint).
- Working internally to review how we collect this information to determine if there is a better way.
- In the meantime, please make sure any information reported to BEESS via their database is also reported on the surveys.
- Survey data should include incidents involving students with disabilities, as well as incidents involving students who do not have disabilities.

Questions?

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