

## **Rule 6A-1.09422 Grade 10 ELA Concordant Score FAQ**

The questions and answers below pertain to the Rule amendment language for Rule 6A-1.09422, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), specifically related to when a student can earn a concordant score for the grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA) assessment. The effective date of the amended Rule language is August 25, 2026. The final Rule is posted at <https://flrules.org/gateway/ruleNo.asp?id=6A-1.09422>.

For additional questions, please email the Office of Assessment at [Assessment@fldoe.org](mailto:Assessment@fldoe.org).

Rule 6A-1.09422(8)(a), F.A.C. states:

3. Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, except for students who have already earned a concordant score prior to the 2026-2027 school year, first-time grade ten students may only use concordant scores pursuant to subparagraph (8)(a)2. earned after the spring administration (PM3) of the grade ten statewide, standardized ELA assessment of their grade ten school year.

**1. What is the cut-off date for earning a concordant score prior to the 2026–2027 school year?**

The amended rule’s effective date is August 25, 2026. Students who earned a passing concordant score prior to that date may use the score to meet graduation requirements, regardless of when the score was earned.

**2. Is “earned after the spring administration” defined as the end of the testing window or does it apply to individual student testing dates?**

A student is eligible to use a concordant score earned after the date that the student participated in the Grade 10 ELA assessment during the spring window. If the actual date a student tested is not known, the end of the spring testing window of their tenth grade year may be used.

**3. If students transfer into the district from out of state or home ed/private school in grade 11 or 12, may they use a concordant score that was earned prior to the spring of their grade 10 year? Are they required to participate in the ELA Retake prior to using a concordant score?**

The rule does not apply to transfer students if they were not enrolled in a Florida public school for their grade 10 year. In addition, students who transfer to a Florida public school after grade 10 are not required to sit for the FAST ELA Reading Retake prior to using a concordant score.

- 4. If a student takes the grade 10 ELA as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader and does not pass, does the student need to wait until they retake the grade 10 ELA as a 10<sup>th</sup> grader before they can take and earn a concordant score?**

First and foremost, students should only be accelerated if their academic performance suggests acceleration. However, if this situation does happen, the language applies to them along with all other first-time tenth graders regardless of whether they took Grade 10 ELA in grade 9.

Please note, students who take the Grade 10 ELA assessment in grade 9 and **pass** have met their graduation requirement and are not required to sit for the assessment again in grade 10.

- 5. What about students who do not take the Grade 10 FAST ELA PM3? Will they be able to use a concordant score, or are they required to first sit for the ELA Retake?**

The rule specifically refers to the timing of the grade 10 ELA PM3 administration. It does not say that a student who did not sit for the grade 10 ELA PM3 assessment would be required to take the test before applying a concordant score.

- 6. If a current 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grader has already met the grade 10 ELA requirement, will they be grandfathered in when this rule goes into effect?**

Yes. The language allows for concordant scores earned before the 2026–2027 school year (i.e., prior to August 25, 2026) to be used to meet the graduation requirement.

- 7. Does the concordance score rule only apply to PSAT or does it include any of the available concordant tests?**

The rule applies to any concordant score, not just PSAT.

- 8. Are juniors or seniors who enter the district or state for the first time required to sit for the grade 10 ELA assessment before using the concordant score?**

No. Students who transfer into the state in grade 11 or 12 do not have to have a FAST ELA Reading score on file before using a concordant score.

- 9. If a student takes PSAT in the fall of their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year and misses or does not take the Grade 10 ELA, can that PSAT concordant score be used since the student never took part in the Grade 10 ELA administration?**

No. The concordant score must be earned after the spring administration of that student's 10<sup>th</sup> grade year.