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Concordant/Comparative Scores



Concordant/Comparative Scores

- The State Board of Education adopted new concordant and comparative scores for the FAST Grade 10 ELA Reading and Algebra 1 EOC assessments on July 16, 2025.
- Effective date: Tuesday, August 19, 2025



Concordant Scores for the FAST Grade 10 ELA Assessment

Assessment	Assessment Scale	Concordant Score
SAT Reading and Writing section	200-800	490
PSAT/NMSQT Reading and Writing section	160-760	470
PSAT 10 English and Writing section	160-760	470
ACT English and Reading subject test (averaged)	1-36	18
PreACT Secure English and Reading subject test (averaged)	1-36	18
CLT Grammar/Writing and Verbal Reasoning subject tests (sum)	0-80	39
CLT10 Grammar/Writing and Verbal Reasoning subject tests (sum)	0-80	39

- For the ACT, if the average of the two subject test scores results in a decimal of .5, the score shall be rounded up to the next whole number.
- The scores for the English and Reading subject tests on the ACT or the Grammar/Writing and Verbal Reasoning subject tests on the CLT are not required to come from the same test administration.



Comparative Scores for the B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 EOC Assessment			
Assessment	Assessment Scale	Concordant Score	
SAT Math	200-800	420	
PSAT/NMSQT Math	160-760	430	
PSAT 10 Math	160-760	430	
ACT Math	1-36	16	
PreACT Secure Math	1-36	16	
CLT Quantitative Reasoning	0-40	14	
CLT10 Quantitative Reasoning	0-40	14	
Statewide, Standardized Geometry EOC	Achievement Level 1-5	Achievement Level 3	



Rule Implementation Timeline

- The adopted rule allows students who entered grade 9 in the 2022-23 school year (who would be seniors during the 2025-26 school year) to use either the previous or the newly-adopted concordant/comparative scores to meet their assessment graduation requirements.
- Students who enter grade 9 in the 2025-26 school year, or students who entered grade 9 in the 2023-24 through 2024-25 school years and have not yet earned a concordant/comparative score by the time the rule was effective, are required to use the B.E.S.T.-aligned concordant/comparative scores.



Graduation Requirements for Florida's Statewide Assessments

- The <u>Graduation Requirements for Florida's Statewide</u>
 <u>Assessments</u> document has been updated to reflect the new scores.
- In addition to the new score and implementation information, some previous concordant and comparative scores that were available for earlier cohorts of students have been removed because they are no longer authorized.



Graduation Requirements for Florida's Statewide Assessments

- While the document has been streamlined to contain current information only, older cohorts whose graduation requirement was FSA or earlier may use an alternate passing score (APS) for a B.E.S.T.-aligned assessment or a concordant or comparative score listed in Tables 3 and 4 (see the APS section).
- If you need to verify a previously earned concordant or comparative score (e.g., FCAT), our office will maintain a historical document of previous scores for this purpose.



NAEP



NAEP 2026 Operational Assessments

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NAEP Program	Main		National	
Sample Level	National, State, TUDA		National	
Grade	4 8		8	
Subject(s)	H =		Civics and U.S. History	
Number of Sessions	2 (1-2 if school devices)		2	
Students per Session	25 (25-50 if school devices)		25	
Devices	School devices or NAEP devices		NAEP devices	
Session Duration	120 minutes			
Questionnaires	Student, Teacher and School			
Field Staff	1 Assessment Coordinator (AC) and 1 Assessment Administrator (AA)			
Assessment Window	January 26–March 20, 2026			



WIDA ACCESS



WIDA ACCESS

- WIDA ACCESS (formerly ACCESS for ELLs), Florida's English Language Proficiency Assessment, will be administered online for the first time in Florida.
 - Students are required to have headphones with microphones.
 - Paper-based accommodations are available.
 - Alternate ACCESS will continue to be administered on paper.



WIDA ACCESS – Suite of Assessments

- For the Spring 2026 administration, the following assessments will be used to satisfy state and federal requirements for the annual assessment of the English language proficiency of English language learners (ELLs):
 - WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten, a <u>paper-based</u> assessment for students in kindergarten;
 - WIDA ACCESS Online, an <u>online</u> assessment for students in Grades 1–12;
 - WIDA ACCESS Paper, a <u>paper-based</u> assessment for students in Grades 1–12 with an IEP or Section 504 Plan that includes a paperbased accommodation for statewide assessments; and
 - WIDA Alternate ACCESS, a <u>paper-based</u> assessment for students in Grades K–12 with the most significant cognitive disabilities.



WIDA ACCESS - Students to Be Tested

- All students enrolled in the district (grades K–12) and classified ELL, with a code of "LY" on the 1st day of the test administration window, must be administered one of the following English language proficiency assessments:
 - WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten,
 - WIDA ACCESS, or
 - WIDA Alternate ACCESS.

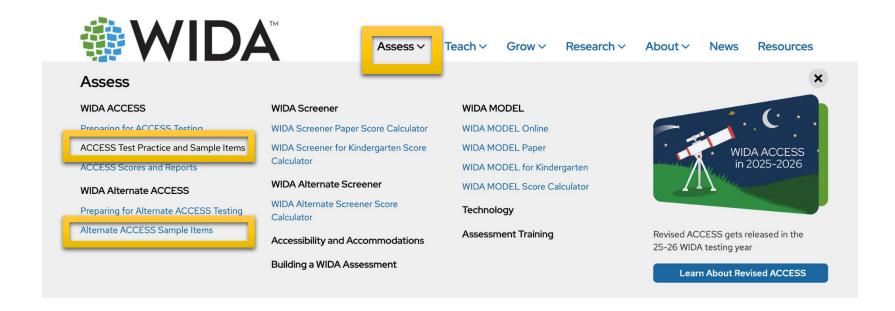
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Preparing Students for WIDA ACCESS Testing

Find sample items, suggested sample item scripts and links to other online test preparation resources on the <u>ACCESS Test Practice and Sample Items</u> page and on the <u>Alternate ACCESS Sample Items</u> page.





WIDA Professional Learning – Facilitated Virtual Workshops

Nurturing Speaking Growth

Date: 12/1 & 12/8

Time: 2:00-3:30pm ET

This virtual workshop is being redesigned to support all K–12 educators who would like to explore classroom practices that promote oral language development.



Scan the QR code to register!



FACT – Algebra Pilot



FACT College Algebra Pilot

- This fall (2025), the Department launched a small pilot for FACT College Algebra that will allow high school students to take College Algebra (MACX105).
- Students participating in the pilot will take an assessment in Spring 2026 based on the competencies and outcomes identified by course curriculum and aligned to the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards.
- The FACT College Algebra assessment will be administered on the CAI Test Delivery System (TDS) platform.
- Students demonstrating mastery will receive college credit.



General FACT Background Information

What is FACT College Algebra?

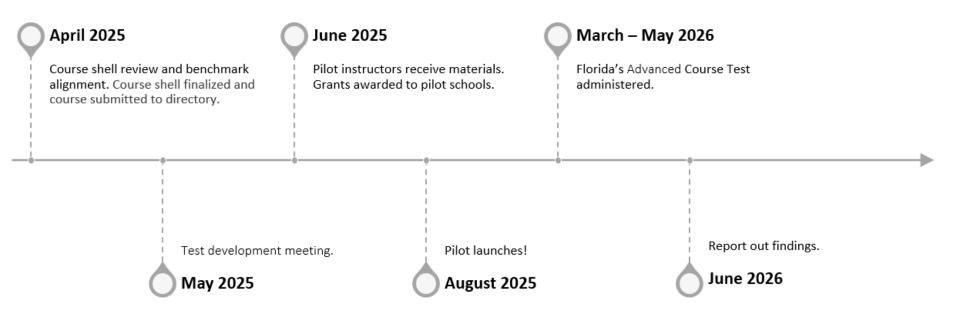
 Section 1007.27(2)(b), F.S., specifies that the "department may partner with an independent thirdparty testing or assessment organization to develop assessments that measure competencies consistent with the required course competencies identified by the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) for general education core courses...."

Will the FACT College Algebra assessment replace any of the existing assessments already in state statute or rule?

 No. FACT College Algebra will be an additional option for students.



FACT College Algebra Pilot Timeline





General Testing Information

What are the test dates for FACT College Algebra in the 2025–26 school year?

March 30–May 29, 2026

Who is required to take FACT College Algebra?

- The test is only required and available for students enrolled in the course.
 - The course alignment and Course Code Directory (CCD) amendment was approved by the State Board of Education in July 2025 (see Rule 6A-1.09412, Florida Administrative Code [F.A.C.]).
 - The State Board of Education also approved the FACT College Algebra in August 2025 within the Credit-By-Examination Equivalencies (see Rule 6A-10.024, F.A.C.).

What grade level should be administered FACT College Algebra?

 Any students in grades 9–12 are eligible if enrolled in the approved FACT College Algebra course.



General Testing Information (cont.)

What resources are available for test preparation?

 Sample test items and other informational materials will be available.

How many and what type of items are on the FACT College Algebra assessment?

To be determined (research is ongoing).

How will schools and parents access FACT College Algebra results?

 For the Year 1 pilot, results will only be available to the participating schools via the Florida Reporting System (FRS). Year 2, we're seeking full access via FRS and the Parent Portal.



FELE



New FELE 4.0 Implementation Milestones and Timelines

Competencies and Skills Finalization	Fall 2023–Complete	
Present Competencies and Skills to State Board of Education (SBE)	January 2024–Complete	
New Test Information Guides	August 2025–Complete	
New Test Content Assessed	January 2026	
Standard Setting	March 2026	
SBE for Proposed Passing Scores	Summer/Early Fall 2026	
New Tests/New Passing Scores	January 2027	



QUESTIONS?

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