

**Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments Overview**

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

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

For information about the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC assessments, please see the [2019–20 FSA End-of-Course Assessments Fact Sheet](#).

**Students to Be Tested**

All students enrolled in and completing one of the NGSSS-aligned courses listed in Table 1 will participate in the appropriate assessment.

**Table 1. NGSSS EOC Assessment Corresponding Course List**

Assessment	Course
<b>Biology 1</b>	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
<b>Civics</b>	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
<b>U.S. History</b>	United States History – 2100310 United States History Honors – 2100320 Visions and Countervisions: Europe, U.S. and the World from 1848 Honors – 2100480

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

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

In accordance with section 1008.22(3)(b)2., Florida Statutes, middle grades students may not be tested on both the Statewide Science Assessment and the Biology 1 EOC assessment. Students enrolled in Biology 1 must take the EOC assessment, not the Statewide Science Assessment.

### Test Administration Schedule

For a full schedule of all statewide assessments, see the [2019–20 Statewide Assessment Schedule](#).

### Test Administration Information

- The NGSSS EOC assessments are delivered via a computer-based test (CBT) platform called TestNav 8.
- Paper-based versions (regular print, large print, braille, and one-item-per-page) of CBT assessments are provided for students with disabilities who cannot access assessments on the computer, as specified in their Individual Educational Plans (IEP) or Section 504 Plans.
- CBT accommodations (e.g., text-to-speech) are available for students whose IEPs or Section 504 Plans indicate these accommodations.
- Each NGSSS EOC assessment is given in one 160-minute session with a 10-minute break after the first 80 minutes.
- Any student not finished by the end of the 160-minute session may continue working for up to the length of a typical 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 Civics, there are 52–56 multiple-choice items.
  - For U.S. History, there are 50–60 multiple-choice items.
- The [NGSSS Test Design Summary](#) provides a map or blueprint for how each EOC assessment is designed. The summary shows the standards assessed within each reporting category and the representation of each category, in percentages, on the test.
- For the Biology 1 EOC, students are provided with a four-function calculator and Periodic Table of the Elements in the online platform, as well as a hard-copy CBT Work Folder.
- For the Civics and U.S. History EOCs, students may be provided with a two-page CBT Worksheet.

### Practice Tests

- Computer-based practice tests are available on [PearsonAccess Next](#). Teachers, parents/guardians, and students can review the browser-based practice test for each assessment.
- Students are required to participate in a CBT practice session at their schools prior to testing unless they are retaking an assessment.
- Paper-based regular print practice tests are available on the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) [End-of-Course Assessments](#) page. Districts may order paper-based large print or braille practice materials for students participating with these accommodations.

**Achievement Levels and Scale Scores**

Student performance on Florida’s statewide assessments is categorized into five achievement levels. Table 2 provides information regarding student performance at each achievement level for the NGSSS EOC assessments; this information is provided on student reports so that students, parents, and educators may interpret student results in a meaningful way.

**Table 2. Achievement Levels**

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Indicates an inadequate level of success with the challenging content of the NGSSS.	Indicates a below satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the NGSSS.	Indicates a satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the NGSSS.	Indicates an above satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the NGSSS.	Indicates mastery of the most challenging content of the NGSSS.

Achievement level scale score ranges for NGSSS EOC assessments are provided in the table below. The lowest score in Level 3 is the passing score for each assessment.

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

Course	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
<b>Biology 1</b>	325–368	369–394	<b>395–420</b>	421–430	431–475
<b>Civics</b>	325–375	376–393	<b>394–412</b>	413–427	428–475
<b>U.S. History</b>	325–377	378–396	<b>397–416</b>	417–431	432–475

**Additional Information**

- For more information regarding graduation requirements, please see [Graduation Requirements for Florida’s Statewide Assessments](#).
- For more information about student reports, reporting categories and achievement levels, please see [Understanding NGSSS Science and EOC Reports](#).
- For resources to help students better understand the NGSSS Standards to which the EOC assessments are aligned, please visit [CPALMS](#).
- For information about the FSA EOC assessments, please visit the [FSA Portal](#).

Please visit the [FDOE website](#) for more information about the statewide assessment program.