Rule 6A-1.09422, Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test and End-of-Course Assessment Requirements: Standard Setting

Rule Development Workshops
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Purpose of this Rule Development Workshop

• Express the Department’s intent to develop a rule amendment for consideration by the State Board of Education that:
  
  • Establishes Achievement-Level cut scores for the Civics End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment

• Obtain input from interested audiences:
  
  • General input about setting the Achievement Levels
Today’s Topics

• Background on the Civics EOC Assessment
• Review the standard-setting process
• Review the recommendations from both panels
• Review the impact data
• Request feedback from you
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Civics EOC Assessment

Administration Summary

• Administered to all students enrolled in and completing one of the following courses:
  – Civics – 2106010
  – Civics – 2106015
  – Civics & Career Planning – 2106016
  – Civics, Advanced – 2106020
  – Civics, Advanced – 2106025
  – Civics, Advanced & Career Planning – 2106026
  – Civics and Digital Technologies – 2106029
  – M/J U.S. History & Civics—2100045

• Computer-based assessment with computer-based accommodations (e.g., screen reader, zoom, color contrast) and paper-based accommodations (e.g., regular print, large print, braille) available for students with disabilities who require allowable accommodations, as specified in their individual educational plans (IEPs) or Section 504 plans

• Administered in one 160-minute session with a 10-minute break after the first 80 minutes. Any student not finished by the end of the allotted time may continue working, but the student must finish within the same school day.
Civics EOC Assessment
Administration Summary (continued)

• Students may use a one-page computer-based testing (CBT) worksheet as scratch paper during the test.

• Students are required to participate in a computer-based practice test (ePAT) prior to the assessment to practice using the tools (e.g., highlighter, straightedge, notepad, option eliminator).

• Scores must be used to calculate 30% of the student’s final grade in the Civics course for students who took the course in 2013-14 and beyond. The method for applying this requirement is determined by each school district.
Florida Assessments and Educator Involvement

Brief Overview

• 2012-13: Florida Assessment Committee Participants
  • 501 participants
  • 38 weeks of meetings
  • 47 different meetings

• Participants include educators, district personnel, university faculty, and citizens associated with a variety of organizations and institutions representative of Florida’s diversity.

• All Florida statewide assessment items have been reviewed and accepted by committees of Florida educators.

• Florida educators help advise on the scope of the assessments; develop the item specifications; review the items for content, difficulty, alignment to the benchmarks, and bias/sensitivity issues; establish scoring guidelines on individual items; and propose the performance standards (i.e., standard setting).
Standard-Setting Vocabulary

• **Content Standards:** The content that students are expected to know

• **Achievement Levels:** Levels of student achievement based on observed scale scores

• **Achievement Level Descriptions (ALDs):** Descriptions of the competencies associated with each level of achievement

• **Cut Scores (Standards):** Scores on an assessment that separate one Achievement Level from another

• **Panelists (Judges/Raters):** Those who participate in the standard-setting process (stakeholders, educators, professionals – must understand the content assessed)

• **Impact Data (Normative Feedback):** Data that summarize the consequences of a proposed set of cut scores (e.g., How many students’ scores will be classified at Level 3?)
FCAT 2.0 and EOC Assessments are Standards-Based Tests

• Based on Florida’s content standards (Next Generation Sunshine State Standards)

• Students’ scores are in comparison to achievement standards – the criteria (Criterion-Referenced Test)

• Used to measure how well students have learned the content assessed

• Used to measure the teaching and learning of important content in Florida’s schools
When is Standard Setting Necessary?

• Standard setting becomes necessary whenever any of the following occur:
  • New test
  • Curriculum updates
  • Blueprint changes
  • Achievement Level Descriptions (ALDs) change

• Next Generation Sunshine State Standards – new content standards
Why Have Standards?

• To define what students should know and be able to do
• To identify clear expectations for students, parents, and teachers
• To improve teaching and learning
• To develop a society able to compete in a global economy

Important!

• Performance standards define what we want to achieve
• Performance standards do not describe our current status
Types of Standards

• Content Standards: Define desired student knowledge and skills (the “what”)
  • Sunshine State Standards
  • Next Generation Sunshine State Standards
  • Common Core State Standards

• **Performance Standards:** Describe how much content knowledge a student is required to demonstrate
  • *Achievement Level Standards*
  • *Passing Scores*
  • *Graduation Requirements*

• Accountability Standards
  • School Grading Criteria
  • Annual Measurable Objectives
Setting Performance Standards – or “Cut Scores”

• A process that helps provide meaning to test scores
  • Provides a frame of reference for interpreting test scores
  • Most relevant when applied to tests based on defined content standards (criterion-referenced tests)

• The process includes: Deriving levels of performance on educational ... assessments, by which decisions or classifications ... will be made. (Cizek, 2007)
  • Mapping content to student achievement
  • Making judgments that are both qualitative (content) and quantitative (test scores)
  • Relating the NGSSS to FCAT 2.0/EOC scores
Achievement Levels

• Florida uses Achievement Levels
• Requires the setting of four Achievement Level cuts
• The Level 2/3 cut is the “Satisfactory” cut
Florida EOC Assessment Scale Score Range

- All Florida EOC Assessments use the same scale score range
- Civics EOC Assessment Achievement Level cuts must be determined on this score scale

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# FCAT 2.0/EOC Assessment Policy Definitions

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We’ve Done This Before...

1998:
• Reading and Mathematics Achievement Levels approved for grades 4, 5, 8 and 10

2001:
• Reading and Mathematics Achievement Levels approved for grades 3-10
• Grade 10 FCAT Reading and Mathematics passing scores established

2011:
• FCAT 2.0 Reading (grades 3-10) and Mathematics (3-8) Achievement Levels approved
• Algebra 1 EOC Assessment Achievement Levels approved
• Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading and EOC assessment passing scores established in rule as the minimum score in Achievement Level 3

2012:
• FCAT 2.0 Science (grades 5 and 8) Achievement Levels approved
• Biology 1 and Geometry EOC Assessment Achievement Levels approved

2013:
• U.S. History EOC Assessment Achievement Levels approved
Setting Standards is a Multi-Stage Process

Achievement Level Descriptions (ALDs) → Educator Panel → Reactor Panel

→ Legislative Review

→ Commissioner’s Recommendations/Proposed Rule

→ Public Input Workshops

→ State Board of Education
Standard-Setting Timeline
Complex process with input solicited from several groups of stakeholders

- **Summer 2013:** Content experts defined Civics EOC Assessment Achievement Level Descriptions (ALDs).

- **March/April 2014:** Civics EOC Assessment ALDs were posted for public comment.

- **July 22-25, 2014:** Content experts rated the difficulty of items on the test relative to student expectations, which were aggregated to derive recommended cut scores.

- **July 31-August 1, 2014:** Reactor panel reviewed the Educator Panel’s outcomes and provided feedback and recommendations for adopting the cut scores.

- **August 19-21, 2014:** State Board of Education Rule Workshops held for gathering public input on the Reactor Panel’s recommendations.

- **Winter 2014:** The State Board of Education will review the results from each panel as well as the Commissioner’s recommendations and legislator input, and will make a final cut-score decision.
Educator Panel: July 22-25

- 26 teachers and district-level administrators with subject-area expertise and expertise with special populations

- Panel represented Florida’s diversity, including:
  - Gender
  - Ethnicity
  - District Size
  - Region
  - School Zone Type
### Educator Panelists – Gender, Ethnicity, and District Size

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Standard-Setting Process – Educator Panel

• Reviewed and discussed ALDs
• Panelists “took the test”
• Participated in standard-setting training
• Practiced judgment procedure
• Provided four rounds of independent judgments
Modified-Angoff Method

The judgment process (by item)

- Reviewed the ALDs
- Evaluated the knowledge and skills needed to respond correctly to each item
- Judged the percentage of students expected to respond correctly to each item
The “Just-Barely” Test Taker

• Borderline in terms of Achievement Level
• *Just barely* meets criteria to be classified into the Achievement Level

![Diagram showing the distribution of "Just-Barely" Level Students among Level 1 to Level 5](chart.png)
Reactor Panel: July 31- August 1

• Convened a group of diverse stakeholders from across Florida

• Provided feedback to the department on the outcomes of the Educator Panel
# 18 Reactor Panelists – Diverse Group of Stakeholders

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Reactor Panel Review

Considered the following:

• Information and materials from the standard-setting Educator Panel meeting
• Next Generation Sunshine State Standards
• Achievement Level Descriptions (ALDs)
• External tests
  • Grade 7 FCAT 2.0 Reading
  • Other Florida EOC Assessments
• Impact data
  • By gender
  • By ethnicity
Reactor Panel: Key Questions

The Reactor Panel considered the following questions:

• Given the results that you see for the other tests that were provided, are the Educator Panel judgments and resulting impact data for the Florida Civics EOC Assessment appropriate?

• Given your expectations and Florida’s goal to be nationally competitive, are the proposed cuts appropriate?

• If not, which cut score(s) would you suggest changing? Should the cut score(s) be higher or lower?
The following slides represent recommendations from the Educator Panel. This panel was asked to make **content-based judgments**.
Scale Score Cuts Proposed by the Educator Panel
Civics EOC Assessment

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*Judgment Variation is also referred to as Standard Error of Judgment (SE). These bands were provided to the Reactor Panel as a recommended boundary for their modifications based on standard-setting research and best practices.
Impact Data

• Generated by applying the proposed cut scores to actual student performance from the spring 2014 administration

• Provided to the Educator Panel prior to their final round of judgment

• Used by the Reactor Panel to model scenarios prior to making both judgments
EDUCATOR PANEL: All Students
Percentage in Each Achievement Level
Impact Data (Based on 2014 Student Performance)

- Level 5: 18%
- Level 4: 20%
- Level 3: 23%
- Level 2: 16%
- Level 1: 24%

All Students
The following slides represent recommendations from the Reactor Panel. This panel was asked to make judgments based on the impact data and on data from external assessments.
Reactor Panel Recommendations

• Members of the Reactor Panel made independent judgments after group discussion.

• Their final cut score recommendations were within 3-5 points of the cut score recommendations made by the Educator Panel, with no changes made to the Level 3 cut (“passing”).
Scale Score Cuts Proposed by the Educator Panel and the Reactor Panel
Civics EOC Assessment

**Educator Panel Proposed Cuts**

- Level 2 Cut: 425
- Level 3 Cut: 410
- Level 4 Cut: 394
- Level 5 Cut: 381

**Reactor Panel Proposed Cuts**

- Level 2 Cut: 428
- Level 3 Cut: 413
- Level 4 Cut: 394
- Level 5 Cut: 376
REACTOR PANEL: All Students
Percentage in Each Achievement Level
Impact Data (Based on 2014 Student Performance)
REACTOR PANEL vs. EDUCATOR PANEL: All Students
Percentage in Each Achievement Level
Impact Data (Based on 2014 Student Performance)
Impact Data – Based on 2014 Student Performance
Reading Grade 7, Algebra 1, Biology 1, Geometry, U.S. History, and Proposed Civics

Impact Data – Based on 2014 Student Performance
Reading Grade 7, Algebra 1, Biology 1, Geometry, U.S. History, and Proposed Civics

Impact Data – Based on 2014 Student Performance
Reading Grade 7, Algebra 1, Biology 1, Geometry, U.S. History, and Proposed Civics
Female and Male Students: Civics Reactor Panel Final Cuts
Percentage in each Achievement Level
Impact Data Based on 2014 Student Performance

Percentage in each Achievement Level

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Civics EOC by Ethnicity
Percentage in each Achievement Level
Impact Data Based on 2014 Performance

White | African American | Hispanic | Asian | American Indian | Pacific Islander | Multiracial | Unknown
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Level 1: 12% | 30% | 22% | 11% | 18% | 20% | 15% | 20%
Level 2: 17% | 24% | 22% | 22% | 21% | 19% | 19% | 20%
Level 3: 21% | 26% | 27% | 29% | 26% | 28% | 30% |
Level 4: 22% | 23% | 24% | 35% | 18% | 17% | 21% |
Level 5: 6% | 11% | 8% | 13% | 15% | 18% | 16% |
Your Turn to Provide Input...

• Review recommendations and impact data (see the standard-setting reference sheet), keeping in mind that Level 3 has been determined as the “passing” score for FCAT 2.0 and Florida EOC Assessments.

• Reflect

• Options for providing input on the Reactor Panel’s proposed cut scores:
  • Higher – Move the cut score **higher** to increase expectations (**fewer** students classified as proficient, or fewer classified in higher levels)
  • No Change – Maintain cut scores
  • Lower – Move the cut score **lower** to decrease expectations (**more** students classified as proficient, or more classified in higher levels)

• Provide written comments as desired
Respond to the Reactor Panel’s Proposed Cuts

Rule Development Workshops
Public Input
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Please select the appropriate rule development workshops:
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Required Information:

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Please print.

Affiliation: (check all that apply)
- Teacher
- School/District Representative
- Parent
- Student
- Business Leader
- Other

Organization, if applicable (e.g., School, District, Business)

Contact Information (i.e., email, phone)

Signature

Civics End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Standard Setting

1) If you were able to change the Reactor Panel’s proposed cut scores (provided in the table below) for the Civics EOC Assessment, which cut scores would you change, and in which direction would you recommend changes in the cut scores? Please select one answer for each cut point and provide comments, if applicable.

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<th>Assessment</th>
<th>Level 3 Cut</th>
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<th>Level 6 Cut</th>
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<td>Reactor Panel (376)</td>
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Comments:

Return all feedback to Assessment@fldoe.org by September 1, 2014
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