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

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 Levels for the U.S. History End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment
  – Establishes passing scores for FCAT 2.0 and EOC assessments

• Obtain input from interested audiences:
  – General input about setting the Achievement Levels
  – Specific feedback on Achievement Level and passing score recommendations
Today’s Topics

• Background on the U.S. History EOC Assessment
• Review the standard-setting process
• Review the recommendations from both panels
• Review the impact data
• Review the established FCAT 2.0 and EOC assessment Achievement Levels and recommended passing scores
• Request feedback from you
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U.S. History EOC Assessment

Administration Summary

• Administered to all students enrolled in and completing one of the following courses:
  – United States History – 2100310
  – United States History Honors – 2100320

• 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.
U.S. History EOC Assessment
Administration Summary (continued)

• Students may use a one-page 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 U.S. History course for students who entered grade 9 in 2012-13 and beyond. The method for applying this requirement is determined by the school district.
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”)
  – 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

Five Achievement Levels, Four Cut Points
Florida EOC Assessment Scale Score Range

• All Florida EOC Assessments use the same scale score range
• U.S. History EOC Assessment Achievement Level cuts must be determined on this score scale

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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
Setting Standards is a Multi-Stage Process

1. Achievement Level Descriptions (ALDs)
2. Educator Panel
3. Reactor Panel
4. Commissioner’s Recommendations/Proposed Rule
5. Public Input Workshops
6. Legislative Review
7. State Board of Education

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2013 U.S. History EOC Assessment Standard Setting
Standard-Setting Timeline

Complex process with input solicited from several groups of stakeholders

- **Summer 2012**: Content experts defined U.S. History EOC Assessment Achievement Level Descriptions (ALDs).
- **March/April 2013**: U.S. History EOC Assessment ALDs were posted for public comment.
- **August 13-16, 2013**: Content experts rated the difficulty of items on the test relative to student expectations, which were aggregated to derive recommended cut scores.
- **August 22-23, 2013**: Reactor panel reviewed the Educator Panel’s outcomes and provided feedback and recommendations for adopting the cut scores.
- **September 2-5, 2013**: State Board of Education Rule Workshops held for gathering public input on the Educator and Reactor Panels’ recommendations.
- **Winter 2013-2014**: 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: August 13-16

• 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
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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

“Just-Barely” Level Students

Level 1  Level 2  Level 3  Level 4  Level 5

Achievement
Reactor Panel: August 22-23

• Convened a group of diverse stakeholders from across Florida

• Provided feedback to the department on the outcomes of the Educator Panel

• Maintained Educator Panel’s recommended cut scores
### 15 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
  – NAEP, SAT, AP
• Impact data
  – By gender
  – By ethnicity
Reactor Panel: Key Questions

The Reactor Panel considered the following questions:

• Given the results that you see for NAEP and other test results that were provided, are the Educator Panel judgments and resulting impact data for the Florida U.S. History 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
U.S. History EOC Assessment

U.S. History Proposed (2013)

- Level 2 Cut
- Level 3 Cut
- Level 4 Cut
- Level 5 Cut
### Judgment Variation for Educator Panel’s Proposed Cuts

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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 2013 administration
• Provided to the Educator Panel prior to their final round of judgment
• Used by the Reactor Panel to model scenarios prior to making all judgments
EDUCATOR PANEL: All Students
Percentage in Each Achievement Level
Impact Data (Based on 2013 Student Performance)

- Level 5: 11%
- Level 4: 17%
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Reactor Panel
Recommendations and
Impact Data

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.
Same Recommendations

• Members of the Reactor Panel made independent judgments after group discussion.
• Their final cut score recommendations resulted in the same cut score recommendations made by the Educator Panel.
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Reading Grade 10, Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1, and Proposed U.S. History
U.S. History EOC Assessment, by Gender
Percentage in each Achievement Level
Impact Data (Based on 2013 Student Performance)
U.S. History EOC Assessment, by Ethnicity
Percentage in each Achievement Level
Impact Data (Based on 2013 Student Performance)
FCAT 2.0 and EOC Assessment Passing Scores

The following slides represent the established achievement standards for the FCAT 2.0 and Florida EOC Assessments. Passing scores must now be established pursuant to Senate Bill 1076, passed during the 2013 legislative session.
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Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Writing Scoring Rubric

6.0  The writing focuses on the topic, is logically organized, and includes substantial development of supporting ideas or examples. It demonstrates a mature command of language with freshness of expression. Sentences vary in structure. Few, if any, errors occur in conventions.

5.5  The writing was given a 5 by one reader and a 6 by the other reader.

5.0  The writing focuses on the topic, is logically organized, and includes ample development of supporting ideas or examples. It demonstrates a mature command of language. Sentences vary in structure. Conventions are generally correct.

4.5  The writing was given a 4 by one reader and a 5 by the other reader.

4.0  The writing focuses on the topic, though it may contain loosely related information. An organizational pattern is apparent. Support is consistently developed, but it may lack specificity. Word choice is adequate. Sentences vary in structure. Conventions are generally correct.

3.5  The writing was given a 3 by one reader and a 4 by the other reader.

3.0  The writing generally focuses on the topic, though it may contain loosely related information. An organizational pattern is demonstrated. Development of the supporting ideas may be uneven. Word choice is adequate. There is some variation in sentence structure. Usage, punctuation, and spelling are generally correct.

2.5  The writing was given a 2 by one reader and a 3 by the other reader.

2.0  The writing addresses the topic, but it may lose focus by including extraneous information. An organizational pattern is demonstrated. Development of the supporting ideas may be nonspecific. Word choice may be limited. Errors may occur in the basic conventions.

1.5  The writing was given a 1 by one reader and a 2 by the other reader.

1.0  The writing addresses the topic, but it may lose focus by including extraneous and loosely related ideas. The organizational pattern is weak. Ideas are presented through lists and limited or inappropriate word choice. Frequent errors may occur in sentence construction, usage, punctuation, and spelling.

U  Unscorable.
Current “Passing” Standards

• For students entering grade 9 in 2010-11 and beyond, the Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading passing score is established in rule as the minimum score in Achievement Level 3
• The passing scores for Florida EOC Assessments are established in rule as the minimum score in Achievement Level 3
Department Recommendations

To set the recommended passing scores at the “satisfactory” threshold currently used for accountability purposes:

• FCAT 2.0 Reading (grades 3 – 10), Mathematics (grades 3 – 8), and Science (grades 5 and 8) passing scores be established as the minimum score in Achievement Level 3

• FCAT 2.0 Writing (grades 4, 8 and 10) passing score be established as a 3.5 on a scale of 1.0 to 6.0

• Florida EOC Assessment passing scores remain the minimum score in Achievement Level 3
Grade 3 Reading

• Although the recommended “passing” score is a minimum of a Level 3 score, students who score Level 2 or higher would not be required to be retained in Grade 3.

• Only students scoring no higher than a Level 1 in Grade 3 Reading would be required to be retained if he or she does not meet good cause exemptions, pursuant to Section 1008.25, Florida Statutes

• To set the passing score lower for grade 3 in Reading than in the other grade levels would send a mixed message about satisfactory performance across grades
Your Turn to Provide Input...

• Review recommendations and impact data (see the standard-setting reference sheet)
• 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 fewer classified in higher levels)
• Provide feedback on recommended passing scores
• Provide written comments as desired
Respond to the Reactor Panel’s Proposed Cuts and the Proposed Passing Scores

### Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) 2.0 and Florida EOC Assessment Passing Scores

2. Please indicate your agreement with the recommended Grades 3 through 9 FCAT 2.0 Reading passing scores as the minimum score in Achievement Level 3 for each grade level.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Neutral

3. Please indicate your agreement with the recommended Grades 3 through 8 FCAT 2.0 Mathematics passing scores as the minimum score in Achievement Level 3 for each grade level.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Neutral

4. Please indicate your agreement with the recommended Grades 5 and 8 FCAT 2.0 Science passing scores as the minimum score in Achievement Level 3 for each grade level.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Neutral

5. Please indicate your agreement with the recommended Grades 4, 6, and 10 FCAT 2.0 Writing passing score as a score of 3.5 for each grade level.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Neutral

6. Please indicate your agreement with the existing passing score requirement for Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading and Florida EOC Assessments as the minimum score in Achievement Level 3 (Achievement Levels have been established for Algebra 1, Biology 1, and Geometry and will be established for U.S. History via this rule amendment).

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Neutral

### Comments on Questions 2 through 6:

Return all feedback to Assessment@fldoe.org by October 4, 2013

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### Required Information

- **Name:**
  - Please print

- **Affiliation:**
  - Teacher
  - School/District Representative
  - Parent
  - Student
  - Business Leader
  - Other

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

- **Contact Information:**
  - (e.g., email, phone)

- **Signature:**

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Florida Department of EDUCATION

2013 U.S. History EOC Assessment Standard Setting
Thank you for participating in the 2013 standard-setting process.

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