

Civics End-of-Course Assessment (EOCA) Overview

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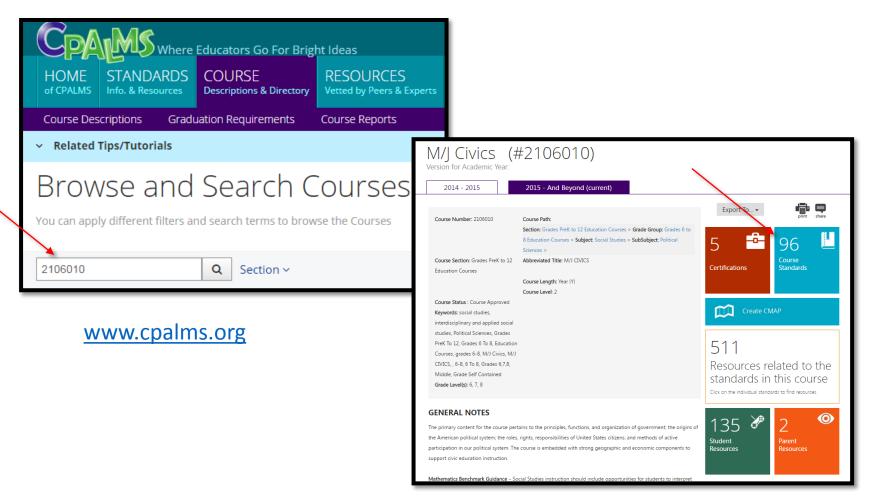


Desired Outcomes

- Locate information and resources related to the teaching and learning of M/J Civics EOCA courses.
- Understand and apply content-specific skills that may support student performance with curricula associated with these courses.

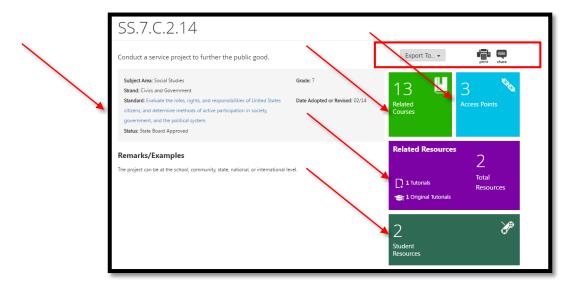


Course Descriptions and Standards





Course Standards and Coding Scheme



http://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewStandard/Preview/3202



http://www.cpalms.org/Standards/Standards Coding Schema.aspx



1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades promotion. -

(c) Three middle grades or higher courses in social studies. Beginning with students entering grade 6 in the 2012-2013 school year, one of these courses must be at least a one-semester civics education course that includes the roles and responsibilities of federal, state, and local governments; the structures and functions of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government; and the meaning and significance of historic documents, such as the Articles of Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States. Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, each student's performance on the statewide, standardized EOC assessment in civics education required under s. 1008.22 constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade.

http://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/subject-areas/social-studies.stml



1008.22 Student assessment program for public schools. -

- (3)(b)End-of-course (EOC) assessments.—EOC assessments must be statewide, standardized, and developed or approved by the Department of Education as follows:
 - (3)(b)1. EOC assessments for Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Biology I, United States History, and Civics shall be administered to students enrolled in such courses as specified in the course code directory.

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- The Civics EOCA was field tested in 2013.
- The baseline administration of the Civics EOCA was in 2014.



NGSSS EOC Assessments Fact Sheet

Civics

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

Test Administration Schedule

For a full schedule of all statewide assessments, see the <u>2015-16 Statewide Assessment Schedule</u>. The spring and summer 2016 NGSSS EOC assessments will be administered as follows:

- Spring Administration (Algebra 1): March 28–April 8, 2016
 - o Accommodated paper-based tests completed by April 1
- Spring Administration (Biology 1, Civics, and U.S. History): April 18–May 20, 2016
 - Accommodated paper-based tests completed by May 13
- Summer Administration (All subjects): July 11–22, 2016
 - Accommodated paper-based tests completed by July 15

Test Administration Information

- The NGSSS EOC assessments are delivered via a computer-based test (CBT), browser-based platform called TestNav8.
- Paper-based versions (regular print, large print, braille, and one-item-per-page) are provided for students with disabilities who require allowable accommodations, as specified in their individual educational plans (IEPs) or Section 504 plans.
- The assessment is given in one 160-minute session with a 10-minute break after the first 80 minutes.
 Students are not allowed to talk during the break. Individual breaks may be allowed as needed.
 Students may not be dismissed during the first 80 minutes; however, if they complete the test in the first 80 minutes, they may be dismissed at the beginning of the 10-minute break. After the 10-minute break, students may be dismissed as they complete the test.
- Although the assessment is scheduled for a 160-minute session, any student not finished by the end of the 160 minutes may continue working. Testing must be completed within the same 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 U.S. History, there are 50-60 multiple-choice items.
- For Civics, there are 52-56 multiple-choice items.
- For Algebra 1, there are 35-40 multiple-choice items and 20-25 fill-in response items.
- Six to 10 of these items on each assessment are field-test items and are <u>NOT</u> used to calculate student scores.

Students are provided with the following resources during testing:

- o Biology 1 EOC Four-function calculator, Periodic Table of the Elements, and CBT Work Folder
- Civics EOC and U.S. History EOC CBT Worksheet
- Algebra 1 EOC Retake Four-function calculator, NGSSS EOC Reference Sheet, and CBT Work Folder

http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/end-of-course-eoc-assessments/



State EOC Assessment Results



Results

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test® 2.0 (FCAT 2.0) and Florida End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments results from 2010-11 to 2013-14 may be accessed through the pages in the left navigation panel. These pages provide state-, district- and school-level reports in spreadsheet and PDF formats. They also provide resources for understanding the data, packets with graphs and explanations of the results, retrofitted data for implementation years, and links to historical results and materials for the assessment program.

Additional Results

- Results Prior to 2010-11
- Interactive Reporting
- ACT, SAT and AP Data
- Retrofitted Statewide Assessment Scores

Civics EOCA

Results Packets

Civics I	End-of	-Course	Assessment
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School Year	Number of Students	Mean Scale Score	Percentage of Students By Achievement Level*					Percentage Passing (Level 3 and Above)*		
rear	Students	Scale Score	1	2	3	4	5	(Level 3 and Above)		
2013-14	200,632	399	19%	21%	27%	19%	15%	61%		
2014-15	196,988	402	16%	19%	26%	20%	18%	65%		
2015-16	199,108	404	15%	18%	27%	20%	20%	67%		

^{*}Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/results/



Content Focus Reports

Spring 2016 Civics End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) Form 1									
NGSSS Benchmark Content Focus Points Pos									
Reporting Category 1. Origins and Purposes of Law and Government									
SS.7.C.1.2	Separation of powers	1							
SS.7.C.1.3	Magna Carta & English Bill of Rights; Mayflower Compact	2							
SS.7.C.1.4	Colonial grievances; Role of government	2							
SS.7.C.1.5	C.1.5 Constitutional Convention								
SS.7.C.1.6	Preamble	2							
SS.7.C.1.7	1								
SS.7.C.1.8	Bill of Rights	1							
SS.7.C.1.9	Rule of law	1							
SS.7.C.3.10	Types of law	1							
	Reporting Category Point Total 12								

"Content focus" is a term that defines the specific content measured by each test item. These are generated after reporting is completed for each assessment administration. Content Focus Reports should not be used to make decisions about instruction at the individual student level. Some reporting categories have too few test items to report reliable or meaningful scores at the student level.

http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/end-of-course-eoc-assessments/content-focus-reports.stml



Achievement Level Descriptions



Achievement Level Descriptions (ALDs) outline the specific student expectations for each of the five Achievement Levels for each EOC assessment. The content of each statewide assessment is organized by reporting categories that are used for test design, scoring, and reporting purposes, and the ALDs express what students at each Achievement Level know and can do for each reporting category.

http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/endof-course-eoc-assessments/achievement-level-descriptions.stml



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Civics

End-of-Course Assessment

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http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/end-of-course-eoc-assessments/



EOCA –Test Item Specifications

- Purpose of the Test Item Specifications
- Scope of the Test Item Specifications
- Overall Considerations
- Criteria for Civics End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Test Items
 - Use of Graphics
 - Item Style and Format
 - General Guidelines
 - Multiple-Choice (MC) Items
- Scope of Test Items
- Guidelines for Item Writers



EOCA – Cognitive Complexity

- Cognitive complexity is based upon Dr. Norman L. Webb's Depth of Knowledge (DOK) levels and refers to the cognitive demand associated with an item.
- When classifying an item's demands on thinking it is assumed that the student is familiar with the basic concepts of the task.
- Test Item Specifications, pp. 7-12.

Percentage of Points by Cognitive Complexity Level for Civics EOC Assessment

Course	Low	Moderate	High		
Civics	15%-25%	45%-65%	15%-25%		

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EOCA - Cognitive Complexity

The following table is provided for ease of reference; however, caution must be used in referring to this table of descriptors for each cognitive complexity level. The ultimate determination of an item's cognitive complexity should be made considering the intent of the overall cognitive demand placed on a student.

Examples of Civics Activities across Cognitive Complexity Levels							
Low Complexity	Moderate Complexity	High Complexity					
Identify or recall common historical or contemporary events, actions, personalities, or concepts.	Apply or infer cause-and- effect relationships.	Solve or predict the outcome of a problem.					
Use a chart, table, diagram, graph, or image to recall or recognize information.	Identify outcomes of particular cause-and-effect relationships.	Generalize or draw conclusions when presented with historical or contemporary information.					
 Identify characteristics of a particular group, place, or event. 	Identify the significance of historical or contemporary events, actions, personalities, or concepts.	Provide justification for events, actions, or issues in the past and current American experience.					
	Categorize historical or contemporary people, places, events, or concepts.	Predict a long-term result, outcome, or change within society.					
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EOCA – Definitions of Benchmark Specifications

- Strand
- Reporting Category
- Standard
- Benchmark
- Also Assesses
- Benchmark Clarification
- Content Limits
- Stimulus Attributes
- Content Focus
- Sample Items
- Test Item Specifications, p. 16.

Definitions of	f Benc	hmark S	Specif	ications
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The Specifications identifies how Florida's NGSSS benchmarks are assessed on the Civics EOC Assessment. For each benchmark assessed in Civics, the following information is provided in each Individual Benchmark Specifications section:

Strand refers to a category of knowledge. The strands for Social Studies are American History, Geography, Economics, World History, Civics &

Government, and Humanities.

Reporting refers to groupings of related benchmarks from the NGSSS that are used to summarize and report achievement for the Civics EOC Assessment. There are four reporting categories for Civics: Origins and Purposes of Law and Government; Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities of Citizens; Government

Government; Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities of Citizens; Government Policies and Political Processes; Organization and Function of Government.

Standard refers to the standard statement presented in the NGSSS.

Benchmark refers to specific statements of expected student achievement. In some

cases, two or more benchmarks are grouped together because of the relatedness of the concepts in those benchmarks. The assessment of one benchmark encompasses the context of the other related benchmarks. The related benchmarks are noted in the benchmark statement and are stated in

the Also Assesses section.

Also Assesses refers to the benchmarks that are closely related to the benchmark (see

description above).

Benchmark explains how the achievement of the benchmark will be demonstrated by Clarification students. Clarification statements are written for the benchmark and the

Also Assesses benchmark(s). The clarification statements explain what

students are expected to do when responding to the question.

Content Limits define the range of content knowledge and degree of difficulty that should

be assessed in the test items for the benchmark

Benchmark content limits are to be used in conjunction with the Overall Considerations section in the *Specifications*. The content limits defined in the Individual Benchmark Specifications may be an expansion or further

restriction of the Overall Considerations.

Stimulus define the types of stimulus materials that should be used in the test items, Attributes including the appropriate use of scenarios, content, or graphic materials.

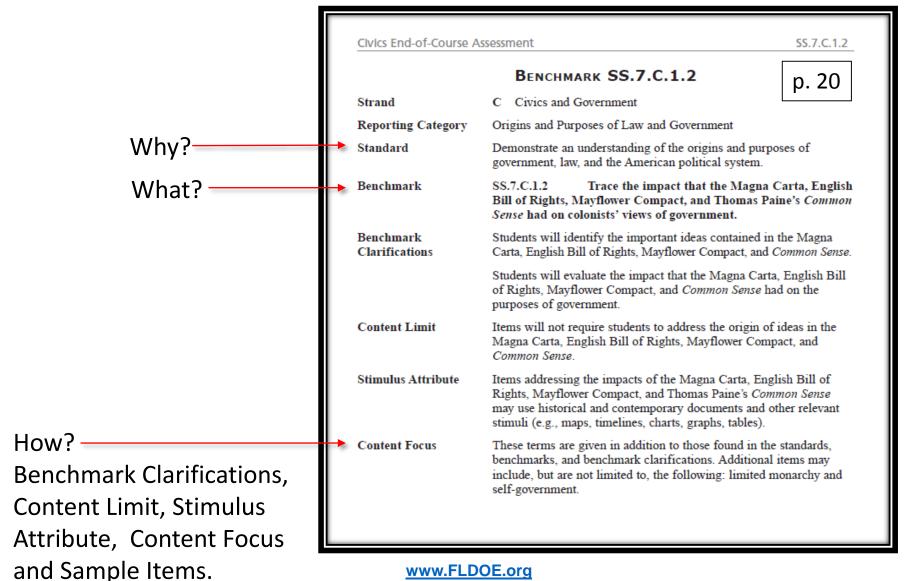
Content Focus defines the content measured by each test item. Content focus addresses the broad content and skills associated with the examples found in the

standards, benchmarks, or benchmark clarifications.

Sample Items are provided for each assessed benchmark. The sample items are presented in a format similar to the one used in the test. The correct answer for each

sample item is identified with a five-point star.





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Civics Item Rating Form

Civics En	Civics End-of-Course Assessment Appendix A Civics End-of-Course Assessment Item Rating Form											
Signature	,	Students in my (classroom, school, district) [circle one] are given the opportunity to learn the Civics material that these items test, except as noted in my comments.										
Page Number	FDOE ID	Measures Benchmark (Yes/No)	Adheres to Content Limits	Is Grade Appropriate	Appropriate Cognitive Complexity Level (L, M, H)	Is Clear and Free of Clang	Appropriate Content Focus	Only One Correct Answer	Appropriate MC Options	Accurate Content	Overall Rating A, AM, AR, RR, R	Additional Comments
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Civics EOCA – Reporting Categories

Reporting Category 1 (25%)

Origins and Purposes of Law and Government

Reporting Category 2 (25%)

Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities of Citizens

Reporting Category 3 (25%)

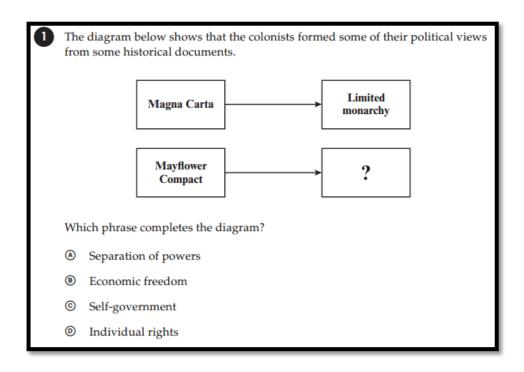
Government Policies and Political Processes

Reporting Category 4 (25%)

- Organization and Function of Government
- Test Item Specifications, Appendix D Test Design Summary



Sample Questions for NGSSS EOCA



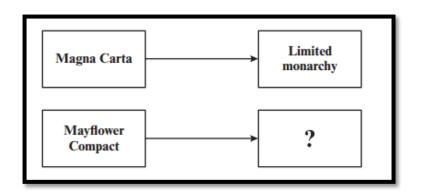
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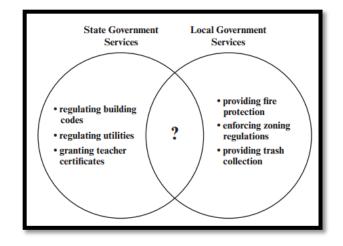
- What NGSSS are being assessed?
- 2. What is the complexity of the question?
- 3. What content knowledge and skills are required of students?
- 4. What instructional strategies support the teaching and learning of the content knowledge and skills required of students to answer this question?

http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/end-of-course-eoc-assessments/

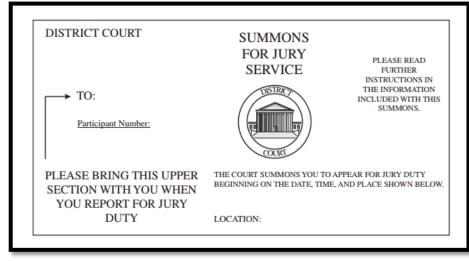


Stimulus Examples









http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5662/urlt/0095808-fl542314 eoc civics tb wt r1g.pdf



Resources for Locating Sources and Stimulus

DocsTeach, National Archives

https://www.docsteach.org/

Document Analysis Worksheets

https://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/worksheets/

Google Image Search – "Labeled for Reuse"

https://images.google.com/

Library of Congress

https://www.loc.gov/

TeachingHistory.org

http://teachinghistory.org/



Political Cartoon Analysis

WAVES Strategy

Words

Actions

Visuals

Emotions

Significance



Source: Wikimedia Commons, the free media repository

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Document Analysis

SOAPSTone

- S- Who is the Speaker?
- O- What is the Occasion?
- A- Who is the Audience?
- P- What is the Purpose?
- S- What is the Subject?
- Tone What is the Tone?

APPARTS

- A- Author
- P- Place and time
- P- Prior knowledge
- A- Audience
- R- Reason
- T- The main idea
- S- Significance

Source: The College Board



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... As to government matters, it is not in the power of Britain to do this continent justice: the business of it will soon be too weighty and intricate to be managed with any tolerable degree of convenience, by a power so distant from us, and so very ignorant of us; for if they cannot conquer us, they cannot govern us. To be always running three or four thousand miles with a tale or a petition, waiting four or five months for an answer, which, when obtained, requires five or six more to explain it in, will in a few years be looked upon as folly and childishness. There was a time when it was proper, and there is a proper time for it to cease....

- Thomas Paine, Common Sense, 1776

Source: The University of the State of New York Regents High School Exam (2015)



Categorization

PERSIA SPRITE

Political Social

Economic Political

Religious Religious

Social Intellectual

Intellectual Technological

Artistic Economic

Some versions of PERSIA and SPRITE may be different.

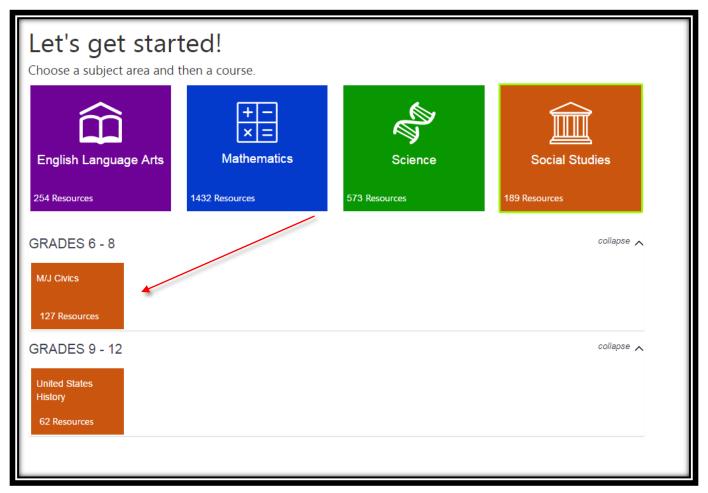


Categorization Practice

lobbyist political action committee special interest watchdog concurrent powers declare war delegated powers elastic clause enumerated powers foreign relations impeachment implied powers naturalization laws necessary and proper First Amendment Department of Commerce Separation of Powers Enlightenment Rights Responsibilities



FDOE Resource – Florida Students



http://www.floridastudents.org/



FDOE Resource - Toolkits

Back to School for Success in Student Achievement Kit

Civics

- 1. Teacher Resources –Essential tools for planning, teaching, and assessment– What resources should be at the teacher's fingertips?
 - a. Civics Course Descriptions and Instructional Resources (CPALMS.org)
 - i. Course Descriptions
 - Civics* Full Year Course http://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/13312
 - 2. Civics* Semester Course http://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/13313
 - Civics & Career Planning* Full Year Course http://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/13314
 - 4. Civics, Advanced* Full Year Course

http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/12083/urlt/civics_toolkit.pdf



FDOE Resource - ePATs

Computer-Based Practice Tests (ePATs) for NGSSS EOC Assessments



http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/end-of-course-eoc-assessments/



Reflection

- Which instructional resources can I utilize to support standards-based instruction?
- How do I implement instructional resources to plan, teach, and assess my course's standards-based curriculum?



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