

Biology 1 EOC Assessment Field Test Overview

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) is transitioning to EOC assessments for certain high school courses. Select students throughout the state will participate in the Biology 1 EOC Assessment field test. The purpose of conducting a field test is to collect information on test items prior to their use in future test administrations. The Department will gather this information on the field-test items using the sample of students who participate this spring.

Timeframe for Testing

The testing period runs from May 2 – June 3, 2011, and participating districts will select one week within this window to administer the field test to their students.

Who will be tested in 2011?

Approximately **55,000 students** are in the field-test sample representing **42 districts (115 high schools)**. The sample includes all students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in the following courses:

- Biology 1 – 2000310
- Biology 1 Honors – 2000320
- Pre-AICE Biology – 2000322
- Biology Technology – 2000430
- Biology 1 PreIB – 2000800
- IB Middle Years Program Biology Honors – 2000850
- Integrated Science 3 – 2002440
- Integrated Science 3 Honors – 2002450

The following students will **not** participate in the field test, but will participate in future administrations:

- Middle school students enrolled in one of the above courses.
- Students who are unable to access assessments on computer and require a paper-based administration.
- High school students who completed one of the above courses at the end of Semester 1.

Test Administration Information

- Each student will participate in **one 75-minute session**.
- Each field-test form contains 30 items. Once fully developed, the Biology 1 EOC Assessment will be a longer test. The test design, including length, will not be finalized until July 2011.
- Students will have access to a periodic table and a four-function calculator while taking the test.
- Students will be provided a four-page, hard-copy work folder to use as scratch paper. These materials will be collected after testing and stored or securely destroyed.

Will students receive a score?

Participating students will not receive scores for the Biology 1 EOC Assessment field test because it is being administered for the purpose of gathering information about the test items prior to their use in an actual test administration.

Practice Test

Teachers, parents, and students can check out the Biology 1 EOC computer-based practice test, called an ePAT. This tool is available online at www.FLAssessments.com/ePAT. Instructions for downloading the installer software and ePAT are also located on this site. Students are required to participate in a practice test at their school prior to testing.

Which districts are participating?

The following districts have participating schools: Alachua, Bay, Brevard, Broward, Citrus, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Gadsden, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jefferson, Lake, Lee, Leon, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Okaloosa, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Seminole, Sumter, Suwannee, and Volusia.