

Private School Opportunity to Participate in Florida Statewide Assessments

Frequently Asked Questions for Districts

This document will be revised as questions are submitted to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE). Please contact Assessment@fldoe.org to submit a question. This information is based on Sections [1002.385](#), [1002.395](#), and [1002.40](#), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and answers are subject to change.

1. Q: What are districts required to provide?

A: Per statute, school districts must train a school assessment coordinator from each approved private school; place orders for, distribute, and provide instructions for returning testing materials; provide any required assistance (e.g., answering test administration questions) or monitoring; or conduct necessary investigations at a private school.

2. Q: Is the district responsible for training all private school staff?

A: No. The district is only responsible for training a school assessment coordinator and, if needed, a technology coordinator for the private school. The school assessment coordinator is responsible for training private school staff.

3. Q: What assessments are the private schools required to administer?

A: The private schools are not required to administer any assessments, but they may select and administer any assessment included in [Section 1008.22](#), F.S., as part of their application. They may also administer the selected assessments to all students in the grade/subject covered by the assessment (e.g., Grade 7 Mathematics may be administered to all grade 7 students).

4. Q: Do districts need to make private schools aware of this opportunity?

A: No. Private schools will be contacted through their Scholarship Funding Organization (SFO) and through the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice.

5. Q: Will private schools participate in the PreID upload of student data?

A: No. However, the private school will be required to individually enter student data into the appropriate testing system to order materials or make students eligible for computer-based testing.

6. Q: Will private schools be allowed to test outside of the district's testing schedule?

A: No. Private schools are required to test within the district's testing schedule.

7. Q: If there is a testing issue (e.g., security breach, testing irregularity) at a private school, must the district investigate the issue?

A: Yes.

8. Q: **How will the private schools receive FLEIDs for their participating students?**

A: Private school students will be required to use Department-assigned FLEIDs for students participating in statewide assessments. Once a school has been approved to administer assessments locally, the Office of Assessment will contact the school and work with them to assign FLEIDs to the appropriate students.

9. Q: **Will private school results be analyzed for anomalies by the subcontracted vendor (e.g., Caveon)?**

A: Yes. Private schools will not be treated differently from public schools with regards to analyzing results for anomalies (e.g., similar answer patterns, erasures).

10. Q: **How will results be reported for private schools?**

A: Private schools' electronic score reports are available on vendors' reporting sites (i.e., FSA Reporting System or PearsonAccess Next). Typically, access to these sites is granted to the School Assessment Coordinator only. District Assessment Coordinators do not have access to private schools' online reports.

Printed Individual Score Reports (ISRs) for private school students will be shipped to the appropriate districts to be distributed to the private schools. The private schools will work with the districts to manage the retrieval and distribution of assessment results.

Private school data will not be aggregated with district or state data.

11. Q: **If a private school does not have sufficient resources (e.g., staff, computers), does the district need to supply those resources?**

A: No. Each private school is required to analyze its resources prior to applying and attest to the school's ability to participate.

12. Q: **Will any testing rules or policies be amended for private schools?**

A: No. Private schools must abide by all testing rules and policies.

13. Q: **Private schools may not have Individual Education Plans or Section 504 Plans. How will they determine the students that should have accommodations?**

A: Similar to public schools, accommodations should only be administered for students who regularly use the same permissible accommodations in the classroom and on classroom assessments.

14. Q: **What if a private school fails to comply with state or district policy?**

A: If a private school has failed to or refuses to comply with any training or administration requirement, district staff should contact the Office of Assessment to report the situation immediately.