

# 2014 – 2015 Next Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments

## **Fact Sheet**

This fact sheet provides information for the following end-of-course (EOC) assessments that measure student achievement of the <u>Next Generation Sunshine State Standards</u> (NGSSS), as outlined in their <u>course</u> descriptions:

- Biology 1 EOC assessment
- Civics EOC assessment
- U.S. History EOC assessment
- Algebra 1 EOC Retake
- Geometry EOC Retake

For information about the FSA EOC Assessments (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2) please see the <u>FSA EOC Fact Sheet</u>.

#### Students to be Tested - Biology 1, U.S. History, and Civics

All students enrolled in and completing one of the following courses aligned to the NGSSS will participate in the appropriate assessment as follows:

Table 1: Florida EOC Assessment Corresponding Course List (NGSSS)

Assessment	Course						
Biology 1	Biology 1 – 2000310						
	Biology 1 Honors – 2000320						
	Pre-AICE Biology – 2000322						
	Biology Technology – 2000430						
	Biology 1 PrelB – 2000800						
	IB Middle Years Program Biology Honors – 2000850						
	Integrated Science 3 – 2002440						
	Integrated Science 3 Honors – 2002450						
U.S. History	United States History – 2100310						
	United States History Honors – 2100320						
	Visions and Countervisions: Europe, U.S. and the World from 1848 – 2100390						
	Visions and Countervisions: Europe, U.S. and the World from 1848 Honors – 2100480						
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						



The following students are eligible to participate in the NGSSS Biology 1, Civics, and U.S. History EOC Assessment administration(s):

- Students who need to earn a passing score for a standard diploma with a scholar designation (Biology 1 and U.S. History only)
- Students who have not yet taken the assessment to be averaged as 30% of their course grade
- Students who are in grade forgiveness programs and wish to retake the assessment to improve their course grade

#### Students to be Tested - Algebra 1 and Geometry Retakes

The following students are eligible to participate in the NGSSS Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC Assessment administration(s):

- Students who need to retake the assessment for graduation purposes
- Students who have not yet taken the assessment to be averaged as 30% of their course grade
- Students who are in grade forgiveness programs and wish to retake the assessment to improve their course grade

Table 2: Florida EOC Assessment Retake Corresponding Course List (NGSSS)

Assessment	Course
Algebra 1* (Retake)	Algebra 1 – 1200310 Algebra 1 Honors – 1200320 Algebra 1-B – 1200380 Pre-AICE Mathematics 1 – 1209810 IB Middle Years Program/Algebra 1 Honors – 1200390
Geometry** (Retake)	Geometry – 1206310 Geometry Honors – 1206320 IB Middle Years Program Geometry Honors – 1206810 Pre-AICE Mathematics 2 – 1209820

<sup>\*</sup>Students completing one of these courses for the first time participate in the FSA Algebra 1 EOC.

#### **Test Administration Schedule**

For a full schedule of EOC assessments, see the <u>2014-15 Statewide Assessment Schedule</u>. The 2014-15 NGSSS EOC Assessments will be administered as follows:

- Winter Administration (all subjects): December 1–19, 2014
  - Accommodated paper-based tests completed by December 12.
- Spring Administration (Algebra 1): March 23-April 10, 2015
  - Accommodated paper-based tests completed by April 3.
- Spring Administration (Biology 1, Civics, and U.S. History): April 20—May 22, 2015
  - Accommodated paper-based tests completed by May 15.
- Summer Administration (All subjects): July 13–24, 2015
  - Accommodated paper-based tests completed by July 17.



<sup>\*\*</sup>The last administration of the NGSSS Geometry EOC will be in winter 2014. Students who still need to retake this assessment in spring 2015 and beyond will take the FSA Geometry EOC.

#### **Test Administration Information**

- The NGSSS EOC assessments are delivered via a computer-based test (CBT) platform called TestNav. Beginning with the winter 2014 EOC administration, a browser-based version of the platform, TestNav8, will be used for these assessments.
- 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 assessment. The number and type of items are as described below:
  - o For Biology 1, there are 60-66 multiple-choice items.
  - o For U.S. History, there are 50-60 multiple-choice items.
  - o For Civics, there are 52-56 multiple-choice items.
  - o For Algebra 1, there are 35-40 multiple-choice items and 20-25 fill-in response items.
  - o For Geometry, 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. For more information, see the <u>test design summary</u>.

The following table describes the other resources permitted with each assessment:

Algebra 1 Geometry **Reference Material Biology 1 U.S. History Civics** (Retake) (Retake) Four-function calculator No YES YES No No Scientific calculator No No No No YES YES Reference sheet with commonly used formulas No No YES No **Periodic Table of the Elements** YES No No No No Four-page, hard-copy work folders YES YES No No YES One-page CBT worksheet No YES YES No No

Table 3: Reference Materials Available For Each Assessment

#### **Practice Test**

- Computer-based practice tests for the new browser-based platform (TestNav8) are available at
   <u>www.FLAssessments.com/ePATs</u>. Teachers, parents/guardians, and students can review the ePAT for each
   assessment. All students participating in the winter EOC administration and beyond must use the updated
   practice test prior to the administration due to the implementation of the new platform.
- Paper-based regular print practice tests are available for student use on the <u>EOC home page</u>. For students
  participating with large print or braille accommodations, paper-based practice materials can be ordered by
  districts for these students.



### **Scoring and Reporting**

- **Equating**—Student results from the different test forms are reviewed and compared to ensure that the level of difficulty is the same for each test form. This process, called "equating," takes place after testing when enough student scores are in the system to ensure that a representative sample of student results is available for use in the comparison.
- Scale Scores—Students receive a scale score on the NGSSS EOC Assessment scale of 325–475.
- Achievement Levels—The success a student has achieved with the NGSSS assessed by the EOC Assessment is indicated by Achievement Levels that range from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest). Level 3 indicates satisfactory performance (passing). The following table provides the scale score range for each Achievement Level.

Table 4: Achievement Levels for the EOC Assessment Scale Scores (325–475)

Course	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3 (Passing)	Level 4	Level 5
Biology 1	325-368	369-394	395-420	421-430	431–475
Civics	325-375	376-393	394-412	413-427	428-475
U.S. History	325–377	378-396	397–416	417–431	432–475
Algebra 1 Retake	325-374	375–398	399–424	425-436	437–475
<b>Geometry Retake</b>	325-369	370-395	396-417	418–433	434–475

