

Assessment Archive: College-Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST)

This assessment is no longer actively administered in Florida.

About the CLAST

The College-Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) was administered from October 1982 to June 2009 to students seeking Associate in Arts (AA), Bachelor of Arts (BA), or Bachelor of Science (BS) degree from a Florida public college or university. The CLAST was one way students could demonstrate proficiency of the College-Level Academic Skills (CLAS) set.

The CLAST was part of Florida's system of educational accountability that satisfied the mandates of section 1008.29, Florida Statutes (F.S.). The CLAST was an achievement test that measured students' attainment of the college-level communication and mathematics skills that were identified by the faculties of community colleges and state universities through the College-Level Academic Skills Project (CLASP). The skills were adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE) and are listed in [Rule 6A-10.0316](#), Florida Administration Code (F.A.C.).

The CLAST consisted of four subtests: essay, English language skills (ELS), reading, and mathematics. Each subtest yielded a single score that was reported to the student and to the institution requested by the student.

Teacher Certification

From 1982 to June 30, 2002, the CLAST was used as the basic skills test for teacher certification purposes. On July 1, 2002, the General Knowledge (GK) test of the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) replaced the CLAST as the basic skills test for teacher certification. Prior to July 1, 2014, any teacher certification candidate could have used passing CLAST subtest scores from 1982 to June 30, 2002, in lieu of the corresponding GK subtest.

During the 2014 Legislative Session, the passage of House Bill 433 amended s. 1012.56, FS, to eliminate the obsolete option of achieving a passing score on the CLAST earned prior to July 1, 2002, to satisfy the general knowledge requirement. For more information about teacher certification in the state of Florida, please visit the website for the Florida Department of Education's [Bureau of Educator Certification](#).

Passing Scores

The passing scores for each subtest of the CLAST were established by the SBE. The original passing scores were proposed by the State-Level Panel on CLAST Standards and were recommended to the SBE by the Commissioner of Education. The passing scores were originally

adopted on March 6, 1984, and were amended several times. Students were required to meet the minimum standards in effect at the time they initially took the test.

The passing scores are based on the score scale from the October 1982 administration of the CLAST. The passing scores for various time periods are as follows:

Dates	Essay	ELS	Reading	Math
08/01/84 - 07/31/86	4	265	260	260
08/01/86 - 07/31/89	4	270	270	275
08/01/89 - 09/30/91	4	295	295	285
10/01/91 - 09/30/92	5*	295	295	290
10/01/92 - 06/30/09	6	295	295	295

*In October 1991, the essay scoring scale was revised. A score of 5 on the revised scale is equivalent to a score of 4 on the former scale.

CLAS Set Requirement: Alternative Methods

In 2009, Senate Bill 1676 repealed the use of the CLAST to measure student proficiency of the CLAS requirement and as a degree requirement for those undergraduates seeking AA, BA, or BS degrees in Florida's public colleges and universities.

In December 2009, Rule 6A-10.0311, F.A.C., was amended to provide the provisions for students to meet the CLAS requirement; in November 2012, the rule was repealed.

Students receiving waivers or exemptions for the CLAST subtests are assigned codes on their transcripts where CLAST scores would be found. The following list contains all possible codes that can be found on student transcripts in lieu of CLAST scores:

999 (99)	Learning disability waiver or 4X waiver
998 (98)	GPA exemption
997 (97)	SAT score exemption
996 (96)	ACT score exemption
995 (95)	College Placement Test score exemption