

Next Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments Overview

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

- Biology 1 EOC assessment
- Civics EOC assessment
- U.S. History EOC assessment

For information about the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC assessments, please see the [2017–18 FSA End-of-Course Assessments Fact Sheet](#).

The NGSSS Algebra 1 EOC Assessment was administered for the final time in summer 2017. Students whose graduation requirement is the NGSSS Algebra 1 EOC may satisfy this requirement by earning the alternate passing score of 489 on the FSA Algebra 1 EOC assessment or a comparative score of 97 on the mathematics portion of the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT).

Students to Be Tested—Biology 1, Civics, and U.S. History

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

Table 1: NGSSS EOC Assessment Corresponding Course List

Assessment	Course
Biology 1	Biology 1 – 2000310 Biology 1 Honors – 2000320 Pre-AICE Biology IGCSE Level – 2000322 Biology Technology – 2000430 Florida’s PreIB Biology 1 – 2000800 IB Middle Years Program Biology – 2000850 Integrated Science 3 – 2002440 Integrated Science 3 Honors – 2002450
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
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

The following students are eligible to participate in the NGSSS Biology 1, Civics and U.S. History EOC assessments:

- 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 who need to earn a passing score for a standard diploma with a Scholar designation (Biology 1 and U.S. History only).
- Students in a credit acceleration program (CAP) who wish to take the assessment to earn course credit (Biology 1 and U.S. History only).
- Students enrolled in an accelerated course that satisfies the appropriate course requirement but does not require participation in the EOC assessment (Biology 1 only).

In accordance with section 1008.22(3)(b)2., Florida Statutes, middle grades students will not be tested on both the Statewide Science Assessment and the Biology 1 EOC assessment. Students enrolled in Biology 1 must take the EOC assessment, not the Statewide Science Assessment.

Test Administration Schedule

For a full schedule of all statewide assessments, see the [2017–18 Statewide Assessment Schedule](#).

Test Administration Information

- The NGSSS EOC assessments are delivered via a computer-based test (CBT) platform called TestNav 8.
- Paper-based versions (regular print, large print, braille and one-item-per-page) of CBT assessments are provided for students with disabilities who cannot access assessments on the computer, as specified in their Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) or Section 504 plans.
- CBT accommodations (e.g., text-to-speech) are available for students whose IEPs or 504 plans indicate these accommodations.
- Each NGSSS EOC assessment is given in one 160-minute session with a 10-minute break after the first 80 minutes.
- Any student not finished by the end of the 160-minute session may continue working for up to the length of a typical 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 Civics, there are 52–56 multiple-choice items.
 - For U.S. History, there are 50–60 multiple-choice items.
- For the Biology 1 EOC, students are provided with a four-function calculator, Periodic Table of the Elements, and CBT Work Folder.

Practice Tests

- Computer-based practice tests (ePATs) are available on [PearsonAccess Next](#). Teachers, parents/guardians and students can review the browser-based ePAT for each assessment.
- Students are required to participate in an ePAT practice session at their school prior to testing, unless they have taken the subject test previously.
- Paper-based regular print practice tests are available on the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) [EOC page](#). Districts may order paper-based large print or braille practice materials for students participating with these accommodations.

Achievement Levels and Scale Scores

Student performance on Florida’s statewide assessments is categorized into five achievement levels. Table 4 provides information regarding student performance at each achievement level for the NGSSS EOC assessments; this information is provided on student reports so that students, parents and educators may interpret student results in a meaningful way.

Table 4. Achievement Levels

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Indicates an inadequate level of success with the challenging content of the NGSSS.	Indicates a below satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the NGSSS.	Indicates a satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the NGSSS.	Indicates an above satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the NGSSS.	Indicates mastery of the most challenging content of the NGSSS.

Achievement level scale score ranges for NGSSS EOC assessments are provided in the table below. The lowest score in Level 3 is the passing score for each assessment.

Table 5: Achievement Levels for the EOC Assessment Scale Scores (325–475)

Course	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	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

Additional Information

- For more information regarding graduation requirements, please see [Graduation Requirements for Florida’s Statewide Assessments](#).
- For more information about student reports, reporting categories and achievement levels, please see [Understanding NGSSS Science and EOC Reports](#).
- For information about the FSA EOC assessments, please visit the [FSA Portal](#).

Please visit the [FDOE website](#) for more information about the statewide assessment program.